

### **Family COVID-19 Protocol Update**

Kinderplatz has been advised by health authorities to remain on course with our existing good policies.

We have been told there will likely be an increase of COVID-19 cases as the school districts are all handling positive cases and exposures differently. Health authorities are also expecting to see an increase in RSV and other respiratory illnesses.

As such, we will need to continue to reinforce our existing quarantine process; **now is not the time to relax and get too comfortable**. Families with siblings are strongly encouraged to closely monitor your children for any developing symptoms and keep them home and get a COVID-19 test &/or alternate diagnosis.

**All children** who come in close contact with COVID-19 that:

- **DO NOT get tested after exposure:** Must **quarantine for a minimum of 10 days** or until symptoms improve—whichever comes last. (You can still test positive at day 10 but are no longer considered contagious after 7 days.)
- **DO get tested 5 or more days after exposure:** May return *after* day 7 as long as symptoms do not develop and any follow-up testing continues to come back negative.

**Masks:** Should be worn **in the building common areas and during drop-off and pick-up.**

**Parent-teacher meetings:** Will be conducted virtually until further notice. In summary, we will keep doing what we already are doing and be diligent about expecting anyone who has any COVID-like symptoms to show proof of a negative test result or alternate diagnosis before returning to the center.