



*When **wisdom** enters your heart, and **knowledge** is pleasant to your soul,* [Proverbs 2:10](#)

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As your director, I know how important it is to keep you fully informed. I am grateful to share some information that will give you a greater peace of mind as we work together to keep everyone safe.



It is wisdom for me to reiterate our safety practices so that you will know what we are doing and feel confident your children are kept safe during transitions.

1. **If one of our staff members has been exposed to COVID from an extended family member or friend- we are asking them to self-quarantine and be tested before returning to work.** We have been overly cautious with this practice to ensure our Academy's children are in a safe and healthy environment.
2. **If you see a substitute in your child's classroom, it may be for several reasons: self-quarantine, vacation, days off, or a mental health day.** Please know that it may not indicate a positive test result.
3. **If GAC has been informed of a confirmed case with any member of our extended family or staff, the State guidelines of reporting are followed.** We will notify you and the authorities within the confines of HIPAA strict confidentiality guidelines.
4. **If any parent reports to me a positive test, both parents and children are quarantined from the center for 14 days or notify me of a negative test to return.**

Because of the rise in COVID cases in the NRV, next week we will begin tighter restrictions at drop off and pickup times. Deanne, Shannon, or I will greet you in the airlock to take your child's temperature – then we will walk them back to their classrooms. **The same protocol will happen in the afternoons.**

Our new safety measure will limit any additional potential exposure to the other children in the classroom and our staff. Parents who need to swipe the DSS machine will be allowed in in the afternoon to back-swipe for the morning.

Thank you for your continued love and support- and I will keep you informed!

Your Director, *Amanda Weddle*