

Pine Village Covid Policies
1/11/2022

Updates in **RED** (as of 1/5/2022) are still in effect.

- **Indoor masks** will continue to be worn **at all times** by staff and children, with the exception of eating, napping or for children, taking an isolated “mask break”.
- **Outdoor mask** wearing is now **optional for vaccinated individuals** (as of 7/6/2021). If you would like your child to keep a mask on outdoors, you must notify your director.
- As of 7/6/21 we have loosened our “classroom bubbles” and allowed children from different classrooms to mix with each other for the first hour and the last hour of the day. Your director should have notified you of exactly which classrooms may mix. **1/5/2022 UPDATE Classroom bubble structure in place for the month of January. Hours 8:30a-5:00p**
- As of 7/6/21 our staff has also been permitted to move between classrooms as needed. **1/5/2022 UPDATE All staff will remain in their classroom with their children for the day to maintain bubbles. Fully vaccinated and boosted staff will be allowed to support classrooms on an as-needed basis.**
- Parents are no longer required to complete the daily attestation form (unless you are returning from travel) **and** children’s temperatures are no longer being taken every morning. We will of course continue to monitor for any symptoms of illness. **1/5/2022 UPDATE Parents will complete the daily attestation before dropping of their child each day.**
- As of July 6, 2021 parents are permitted to enter the schools, however we made the decision to continue to manage drop off and pick up at the front doors (or in vestibules) for the school year program. We want to assure that we are limiting the numbers of families indoors at one time.

1/5/2022 Travel Update

Travel for both Domestic and International Air travel.

CDC recommends:

If you are NOT fully vaccinated

Self-quarantine and get tested after travel:

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after returning from travel.
- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full **5 days** after travel.

***Our PVP children (under 5) are not vaccinated.**

Update 1/5/2022: In order to return to school Pine Village will require all unvaccinated children who have traveled by plane, to test within 24 hours of returning to school and for 5 days after returning. This will allow us a level of comfort knowing unvaccinated children have been tested each day before coming to school for up to 5 days post travel.

Important Notes and updates 1/11/2021:

PVP will accept OTC antigen tests as well as PCR tests for staff and children to return to school. However it is not recommended that children under 2 years old take OTC tests, therefore we are requiring that children under 2yrs receive PCR tests only.

Covid Exposure guidelines below apply to school exposures, or one time/out of school exposures. We are not able to apply these policies to a household exposure situations because these situations vary. If you have an exposure at home we will deal with each situation individually. We will have questions such as: Are you able to completely isolate the positive household member or is exposure frequent and unavoidable?

Our children do not/cannot wear masks (properly) all day, and we are unable to separate them adequately when they are unmasked at school. Children remove masks to eat together at snack and lunch time, and they are not permitted to wear them at rest time. For this reason, we consider all PVP children are unable to mask, and will apply guidelines accordingly.

We are currently requesting that all staff be fully vaccinated. Currently 98% of our staff are considered fully vaccinated. The CDC states a primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine to be considered fully vaccinated. For persons 18 and older, a primary series consists of: A 2-dose series of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine). We are encouraging all staff to receive a booster if their 2nd shot was more than 5 months ago. For children 5 years through 17 years of age, a primary series consists of 2 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

If fully vaccinated individuals are exposed at school, they do not need to quarantine.

Covid Symptoms:

The bolded COVID-19 symptoms below (when they occur alone) should require immediate exclusion from care. The non-bolded symptoms should be managed on a case-by-case basis by the provider and family depending upon the severity, combination of symptoms and child illness policies of the program.

- **§ Fever (100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) child, or shaking chills**
- **§ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **§ New loss of taste or smell**
- **§ Muscle aches or body aches**
- § Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- § Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*

- § Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea *when in combination with other symptoms*
- § Headache *when in combination with other symptoms*
- § Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- § Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptoms*

If individual is Symptomatic

- Send the staff member home/excuse the child from the classroom and have them wait in the designated isolation room
- While symptomatic children wait in the isolation room, ensure they are provided with a mask if they are age 2 or older
 - Call the parent or guardian and arrange for the child to go home.
 - Inform the staff to get tested and/or the parent to get their child tested with a COVID-19 test (antigen or PCR)
 - Families can also contact their child's healthcare provider for further evaluation
 - If programs or families have access to an at-home, rapid antigen COVID-19 test, testing can be administered by the program and/or family
 - We will clean, disinfect, and ventilate areas that the ill staff/child occupied
 - If tested negative, the staff member/child can return to child care once they have been symptom free for a full 24 hours (without the use of meds). If staff member or child is sent home at 11am with symptoms, they cannot return the following day at 11am. They must stay out of school until the next opportunity for FULL school day.
 - No closure recommended for exposed classroom(s), no quarantine recommended for close contacts.

If an Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

- Individual should stay home and isolate for 5-8 days
- After 5 days
 - If they can mask (**staff**): can go back to work on day 6 (test recommended, but not required), if symptom free for 24 hours (without the use of meds).
 - If the individual cannot mask (**all PVP children**):
 - Continue isolating until asymptomatic or symptoms subside through day 10, returning to care no later than day 11. Test not required to return.
 - If individual cannot test: stay home for a total of 10 days, returning to care on day 11

If an Individual Was Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

- Individual should stay home for 5 days
- After 5 days
 - If they can mask (**all staff**): can go back to care on day 6 if asymptomatic without the use of meds(test recommended, but not required). If fully vaccinated staff do not need to quarantine.
 - If the individual cannot mask (**all PVP children**):
 - If individual can test on day 5:

- When test negative on day 5 and asymptomatic: children can go back to care day 6 provided they continue to test negative before care on day 6 and day 7.
- When test positive, follow isolation guidance above.

If one sibling is exposed at PVP and needs to quarantine for 5 days, the unvaccinated and unexposed sibling can return as soon as the exposed sibling test negative on day 5 or later.

If Individual is fully vaccinated no quarantine necessary.

If individual cannot test: stay home for total of ten days, returning to care on day 11
