



Friday, October 26th, 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

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We have been seeing an uptick in COVID cases at IWSE over the last few weeks. This week there are 5 staff and a few family members we are aware of that have COVID and some without any symptoms. The local news has reported a surge is on the way this winter in addition to a bad Flu season. We have also seen many RSV cases that are affecting our program as well. RSV is not just a virus that affects children but can have serious impact on adults.

We need everyone at IWSE to stay focused and keep taking this Virus seriously as we head into the winter months. We need you to be accountable to checking yourself for symptoms, taking rapid tests, checking your results from work testing and informing us as soon as possible if you are going to be out for any reason related to COVID or other sickness.

These are some things to keep in mind:

- 1. Make sure you are wearing your mask appropriately and effectively at work covering your mouth and nose when in the building.**
- 2. Check for symptoms and any illnesses at home. Take a rapid test if not feeling well *before* bringing your child to school.**
- 3. Please take accountability for your behaviors and actions in the community and know that they can affect the operations of our facilities.**
- 4. Stay in communication with your classroom teachers and Director so we can manage problems quickly as they arise.**
- 5. We recommend that you get your vaccine and booster shots if you have not already.**

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We wanted to write out this letter to let you know how important your participation and accountability is to our safety and operations at IWSE. We have to all work together to continue operating our facilities as we have been. We need you to stay vigilant, though we know we are ALL exhausted and tired of this COVID situation.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns and stay in touch with your classroom teachers and Director about any illness or symptoms you or your children may have as we head into the winter months.

Sincerely,

Steve

Stephen Vick

Executive Director, IWSE

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