

Addendum I

In keeping up with Department of Health and State Education Department guidance released on June 7, 2021, Children's Corner programs will be implementing the following changes to the above outlined plan.

Health & Safety

Masks

- Will not be required to be worn outside while on school grounds for adults who are fully vaccinated. No student, teacher, staff member or visitor will be prevented from wearing an acceptable facemask voluntarily on school grounds.

Health screenings

- Will continue to be done daily for students and staff. However, the parent completed COVID-19 Questionnaire, will only be required on Monday's and not daily. However, if community spread increases or other factors change, so may the requirements for how often the questionnaires are completed.
- The staff member performing health screenings with students must minimally be wearing a mask. Increased PPE (face masks, gloves, etc.) will be available to any staff who wishes to wear them.
- Screenings for staff and faculty will not have any changes at this time.


Physical Barriers:

- The CDC no longer recommends physical barriers for mitigation where physical distancing cannot be maintained. A preferred approach is enhanced ventilation and air filtration to dilute and remove any SARS-Cov-2 particles from the air. Therefore, classrooms will remove the physical barriers from the tables while the weather is warm enough to increase ventilation. Barriers may need to be returned to the tables as the weather gets colder and increased outside air ventilation cannot safely be done.

Ventilation

- Windows will remain open to the greatest extent possible. For locations with window Air Conditioners, the outdoor air setting should be used instead of the recirculate setting when available.
- Fans should be considered to increase outdoor air flow throughout a classroom.

Vaccination:

-  Teachers in NYS have been eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine since January 11, 2021. The Adirondack Arc will continue to work with employees who wish to get vaccinated when it comes to making an appointment and getting the necessary time off to complete the appointment. Asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals do not need to

quarantine if exposed to COVID-19. However, this guidance may be overruled by the local department of health or a subsequent executive order on this matter.

- ✚ The Adirondack Arc will discuss how to maximize opportunities for vaccination of all eligible school personnel and students, as eligible, with our local health departments.
- ✚ As required by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Adirondack Arc must collect COVID-19 vaccination status, including date(s) for staff and children, and collect documentation of vaccinations for review by the health department and/or OCFS as needed.
 - The Human Resources department will be responsible for collecting and maintaining staff data.
 - The Education Department Manager and Education Program Director will be responsible for maintaining student data.

Learning Plans

- ✚ For the Summer 2021 ESY program, all sites will be fully open to students 5 days per week.
- ✚ For students choosing remote instruction during this time, only learning packets, and asynchronous methods will be given as options for classroom participation. Therapies will be discussed on a family-by-family basis on how to proceed in the child's best interest.

Evaluations/SEIT/Related Services

- ✚ Best practice will continue to be to have both preschool and early intervention evaluations conducted at an Adirondack Arc location in addition to SEIT and related services.
- ✚ However, if a family cannot travel, then a home evaluation or service will be considered by both parties. If it is done, the child and family member participating will be screened with a temperature check and COVID-19 Questionnaire. This will be kept in their file for contact tracing purposes.
- ✚ If an evaluation or service is being done outside and 6 feet of physical distance can be maintained, then masks are not needed. However, if less than 6 feet of physical distance is needed the evaluator must wear a mask and the student should be encouraged to wear a mask (as appropriate).