**Health & Safety Protocols for St. John’s Families regarding COVID Exposure**

If you or your child have had contact with an infected person or show symptoms of COVID-19 **you must inform St. John’s Preschool and immediately contact your physician for COVID-19 screening.** It is recommend that individuals at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions) consult with their medical provider to assess their risk and to determine if they should stay home if there is an outbreak in their community.

The following steps for precaution will occur.

**Steps to be taken by the families:**

* If you have had contact with an infected person or show symptoms of COVID-19 you must contact your physician and set up COVID-19 screening.
* Contact St. John’s administrative staff about exposure so they can take precautionary measures.
* Follow the guidelines set by physician and county health department for quarantine.
* A note from your physician or local authorities must be given to St. John’s clearing you or your child to return to school/work before you will be able to enter the center.

All Students may be dismissed for 2-5 days depending on recommendations of local health officials if there is a COVID-19 exposure or confirmed case in a child or staff member at St. John’s Preschool.

**Steps to be taken by St. John’s Staff:**

* Contact local Health Department to determine if closure is needed, and what steps to take next.
* Contact families about possible exposure
* Close off all areas used by the person who is sick.
* Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
* Wait up to 24 hours if possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
* Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.
* If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
  + Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

Please contact your physician immediately if you think that you or your child are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. Aside from the hospitals and your Dr., local officials have set up free testing to everyone in the community. Testing is by appointment only and can be made by calling (888) 634-1123 or completing an online application at: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. The address of the testing site will be provided upon completion of the application. Testing is open to anyone in the community, including agricultural workers, the homeless, undocumented employees, and residents. OptumServe will be able to test up to 135 people a day with test results available within 48 to 72 hours. Please note this is not antibody testing; this is to test if individuals have COVID-19.