

TO: All CDC Families

FROM: Rina Irwin, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Mask-Wearing Mandate

DATE: July 9, 2020

In order to comply with recent changes to the state mask-wearing mandate issued by Gov. Tom Wolf's administration, all enrolled children age 2 and above are now required to wear masks in our centers.

We understand some families may not be comfortable with their younger children wearing a mask; therefore we have attached a waiver to indicate you are not confident in your child's ability to reliably remove their mask without assistance in an emergency and you have attempted to place a mask on them and were unable to do so safely.

This waiver only applies to children between the ages of 2 and 5 and should be submitted to your child's Center Director as soon as possible.

Since it is a more realistic expectation for elementary-school age children to wear masks, they will be expected to comply with the Department of Health's order.

Our team is fully aware that not every family supports the idea of mask wearing, but we would greatly appreciate your cooperation with this requirement so we can remain compliant and continue providing high-quality childcare to the community.

Teachers will do their best to find opportunities throughout the day, particularly when outside, to give children breaks from wearing the masks.

Each family will be responsible for providing their child with an appropriate mask, as our Health Services Team has a limited supply in stock. Please write your child's name or initials on their mask and make sure they are wearing it when they are dropped off so we can keep our screening line moving efficiently.

We are thankful for everyone's flexibility and cooperation during these ever-changing times.