The Village at Highland

November 2021 Family Newsletter

Important Phone Numbers To Keep:

Attendance Line
303-347-4410

Preschool Office
303-347-4409

Health Assistant,
Sheryl Schwiethale
303-347-4401

Village Principal,
Kim Bryant
303-347-6998

Preschool Director,
Tracey Hansen
303-347-4419

We hope all our families enjoy a wonderful & safe Thanksgiving break!

We are grateful for each of you!

Upcoming Dates

- Nov 22 – 26, Monday - Friday – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 29 – 30, Monday/Tuesday – Toy Drive Drop off Dates
- Dec 1 – 2, Wednesday/Thursday – Toy Swap (please see attached flyer)
- Dec 1 – Jan 4 – 2022/23 Returning Family Preschool Registration
- Dec 9, Thursday – New Parent Info Night for 2022/23 School Year @ 6:30 pm
- Dec 20 – Jan 3, Monday – Monday, Winter Break; NO SCHOOL
- Jan 3, Monday – Teacher In-Service; NO SCHOOL
- Jan 4, Tuesday – **Classes Resume**
- Jan 11, Tuesday – IY Parenting Class (please see attached flyer)
- Jan 17, Monday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; NO SCHOOL

2022/2023 Preschool Information Night

There will be a "Parent Information Night" for new, incoming Preschool parents on Thursday, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Highland Library. Please be sure to tell your friends and neighbors!

This is a very informative meeting where parents can receive information about our preschool, ask questions, and hear about the program and what a day looks like as a preschooler. (Childcare will not be provided.)

Preschool Registration for RETURNING Families for 2022/23

Preschool Registration for the 2022/2023 school year will begin in December and all returning families are encouraged to register to secure their student's spot. Our returning families will be able to submit their registration request forms throughout the month of December. 2022/23 Registration Forms will be emailed to returning families. New family registration will begin in January when we return from Winter Break.

Important Information Regarding Absences!

As we approach cold and flu season, please keep in mind the following:

If your student has illness symptoms that have not resolved within 48 hours, they will need to have a Covid test before returning to school. If you choose not to test your student, then home isolation for 10 days will be required before returning to school. Please be in contact with our Health Assistant if your student's symptoms continue for more than 48 hours. Please send Covid test results to the preschool Health Assistant at: sschwiethale@lps.k12.co.us.

A copy of the LPS Return to Learn Policy is included at the end of this newsletter. Additionally, the LPS District Website has information regarding Covid-19 testing sites, updates, and general information.

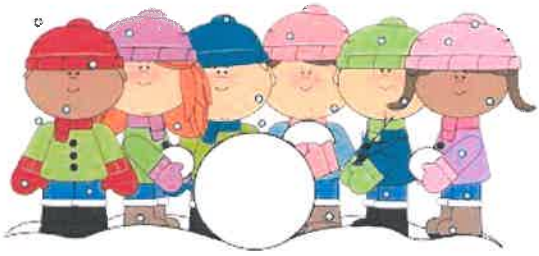
Wondering if your child is too sick to attend school? Please reference page 10 of the Family Handbook for specific information as to when to keep your child at home.

It is vitally important for you to communicate with us each day that your child is absent from school! Whether it's for illness, an appointment, vacation, or other, we need to hear from you! Here are the procedures for reporting an absence:

1) **Call the Preschool 24 hour Attendance Line at 303-347-4410**. The greeting will instruct you on what information to record regarding your child's absence.

2) **Additionally, if your student is absent due to illness symptoms, please also fill out the Illness and Covid-19 Exposure Form**. The link for this form can be accessed from the Village at Highland Preschool webpage in the upper right corner. Click on the link titled Attendance Reporting.

Colder Temperatures Are Here!



For Snowy Days…

- On snowy days, please have your child **wear or bring boots** to school; if the temperature is above 20 degrees, we will plan to go outside.
- Please also **send shoes** for your child to change into once they arrive at school. Thank you for helping us keep the kids comfortable. It is no fun to sit in boots on wet carpet during circle time.
- As you can imagine, with 16 children in each classroom, we have a lot of coats, boots, gloves, etc. Please help your child's teachers by **labeling your child's clothing items**. Thank you!

We are excited to hold our **Village at Highland Winter Wear Drive** this year! We have a list of needs here in our Village at Highland community and if you would like to support one of those needs, please take a **Snowman Tag** from the front entrance on **Monday November 15th**. The items will include **winter coats, boots, hats and mittens** and will have a specific size needed. Please return the item to the front office by **Monday, November 29th.**

Please contact Marcy, our school counselor, if you have any questions: 303-347-4108 or mfoster@lps.k12.co.us

3 Ways That You Can Help

1. Please always make sure to send an extra set of clothing in your child's backpack (pants, shirt, and underwear).
2. If your child has come home from preschool in borrowed clothing, please wash the clothing and return it to the preschool as soon as possible.
3. The preschool is in need of donations of gently used (or new) 2T – 5T pants for both boys and girls.

Thank You for Your Help!

Hat Donations

Hallie Cornforth - a grandmother of a former employee - has generously donated 30 beautiful girl and boy crocheted hats! Please let your student's teacher know if your child could benefit from having one!

LPS Kindergarten Information Nights ...

Be sure to check the district's website for details on the upcoming Kindergarten Information Nights and/or Tours. Most are happening in January. Kindergarten Information Nights and/or Tours offer a great orientation to your new school and the registration process for Kindergarteners. If you do not know which LPS school is your home school, please call the office and we can look it up for you.

Village North and Village Highland HolidayToy Swap

Step one: Donate any **new** or **gently used toy and books** and bring to the front entrance at The Village at Highland.

Drop dates

Monday	November 29, 2021 and	8:45 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	November 30, 2021	8:45 am - 1:00pm

Location: Village at Highland front entrance

Step Two: ALL are welcome to select something even if you did not bring any items!

Shop for FREE on

Wednesday	December 1, 2021 and	8:45 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday	December 2, 2021	8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Location: - The Village at North- Enter through the front entrance on the west side of the building - 1907 W Powers Ave, Littleton

*All items not picked up will be donated on December 3rd

Want to build a more positive relationship with your kids?

Our free 14-week parenting group follows the evidence-based Incredible Years curriculum, offering a group setting where parents can learn skills and strategies that **promote social skills** and **reduce behavior problems.** We are hosting one new class this fall.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO'S FIRST

January 11 - April 19, 2022
Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 PM
The Village Preschool at North
1907 W. Powers Ave.
Littleton, CO 80120

INVEST IN KIDS

This parenting group includes childcare and dinner. Both are provided at no cost to participants thanks to generous funding!

COVID-19 - We will be following ALL mandated public health measures. Participants may be expected to take precautions, such as face masks and social distancing.

Arapahoe County
Early Childhood Coun

REGISTER AT
WWW.ACECC.ORG/SIGN-UP

RETURN TO LEARN: Guidance Following a Positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen

STOP

Any symptomatic individuals should isolate from symptom onset and pursue evaluation, including testing as soon as possible. If symptoms develop at school and point of care testing is available, testing may be performed following an initial assessment using the Addressing Symptoms at School tool.

Anyone who tests positive using any viral diagnostic test type (not antibody tests) should be treated as a case and should isolate. No additional test results can end a symptomatic positive individual's isolation period early.

Symptomatic individuals within 90 days of a previous positive viral diagnostic test (not antibody test) and those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final dose) should isolate, be investigated for potential infection in consultation with public health and/or a healthcare provider, and may require testing prior to return to school.

FOR USE IN ALL SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

Reminder:

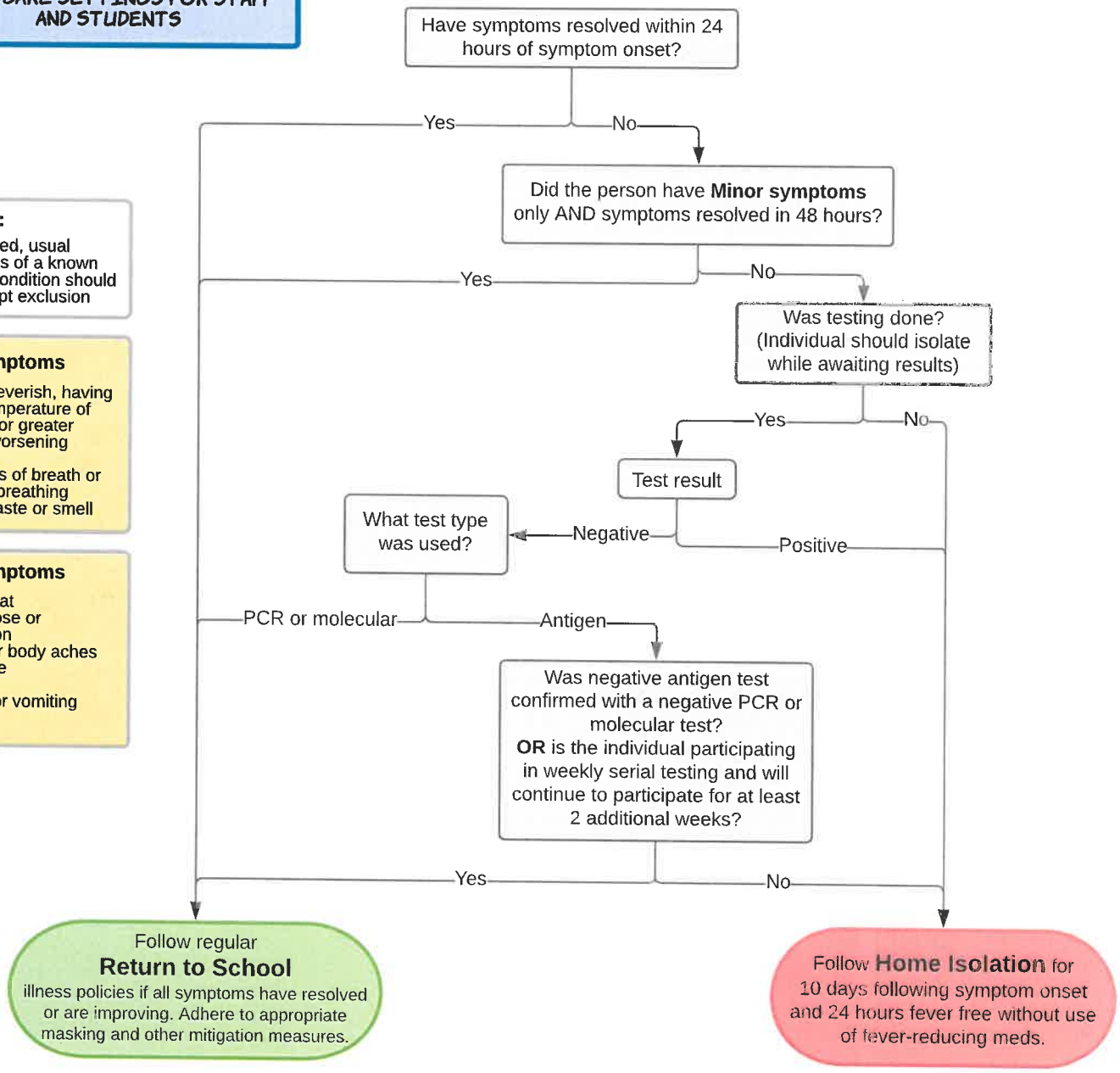
- Unchanged, usual symptoms of a known chronic condition should not prompt exclusion

Major Symptoms

- Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4º F or greater
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

Minor Symptoms

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



To request assistance or provide feedback:
https://tinyurl.com/COP12Feedback

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