



## **Upper Saddle River Children's Academy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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### **1. Is there a protocol if someone is sick? Is that class the only one quarantined or will the whole school have to shut down?**

If a child gets sick, they will be placed in an isolation area (potentially outside, weather permitting) while they wait to be picked up. A confirmed case of COVID-19 will force the local health authorities to suggest the necessary steps.

### **2. For how long will the schools close if there is a positive case? What happens if the Governor closes schools again?**

These decisions are largely out of the hands of our administration. USCRA will follow all guidelines from the Governor and local health authorities in order to maintain a safe environment for our students, staff, and community

### **3. How will the school be cleaned between sessions?**

The general contracting cleaning service are trained to sanitize surfaces. The cleaning service will clean every used classroom using an electrostatic sanitizing mist.

### **4. Where will temperature checks take place? Who is doing them?**

Students will have a temperature check as they arrive at each building for the day before they exit the vehicle and complete a COVID-19 Assessment Form. Each teacher must hand-in the health assessment forms for all of their student upon completion. Teachers will screen students for COVID symptoms and report any concerns to the administration.

If a student temperature is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or higher, that student will not be permitted to enter the school building. If a student temperature measures between 100.0 degrees and 100.4, that student will have a second check by Alicia,



using an ear thermometer. If that student demonstrates a temperature above 100.4 degrees on that second check, he or she will be sent home.

**5. What happens if a student is sent home for COVID-19 symptoms or a fever?**

If a student is sent home due to symptoms that appear to be COVID-19, or a fever, he or she will need a doctor's note clearing that student to return to school.

**6. What happens if a student tests positive for COVID-19?**

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify the community DOH while maintaining confidentiality. That student will have to quarantine for 14 days, from when the symptoms first presented. Members of the household, including siblings and parents, will also have to quarantine for that same period. If the student was in school with symptoms, the DOH will determine the status of the case.

**7. What happens if a member of a student's household tests positive for COVID-19?**

If a member of the student's household tests positive for COVID-19, all members of that household must quarantine for 14 days. All students in the household will need a doctor's note to return to school.

**8. So, when do I need a doctor's note?**

Outside of normal illnesses, which may require a doctor's note according to normal school policy, during the COVID-19 health emergency, parents will need to provide doctor's notes for student return under the following conditions:

- The student was sent home for possible COVID-19 symptoms.
- A member of the student's household tested positive for COVID-19.
- The student tested positive for COVID-19.



**9. Will drop-off/pick-up times be staggered?**

We will stagger drop-off/pick-up times by classroom to minimize contact and crossover between students.

**10. Will there be hand sanitizing stations throughout the building? Can students bring their own?**

Yes, there will be sanitizing stations throughout the building and children will be permitted to bring their own sanitizer.

**11. Will students be able to share learning manipulatives in the classroom?**

Each child will receive a personal Learning Kit that is equipped with all necessary materials for their day-to-day learning and will be kept at school.

**12. If a teacher is sick or has to be quarantined for some reason, would we consider hiring a long term substitute?**

Each teacher will be working alongside an assistant, who is also the designated “back-up” staff in the event the teacher is absent.

**13. Will my child eat lunch or have rest time at school?**

Yes, children will be self-contained in their classrooms to eat lunch and have rest time. Nap mats will be situated six feet apart, head to foot, and is applicable for the Toddlers and Three’s programs only.

**14. Will my child interact with students in other classes?**

No, students will not engage or interact with students from other classes.



**15. Will the students be allowed to take their masks off at any point of the day?**

Yes, students will be allowed to remove their face coverings to eat snack, eat lunch, and play outdoors. If a parent prefers their child does not remove their mask for outdoor time, please let us know.

**16. What are lockdown and fire drill protocols?**

Lockdown drills will not take place until further notice. Fire Drills will be conducted one class at a time, while enforcing social distancing and minimizing contact with high-touch surfaces.

**17. I still need more information. Where do I turn?**

Start with Director Alicia Ballaera M.Ed. for any additional information.

The entire staff and administration at USRCA value your input and questions, and are happy to help you with any questions you might have. Remember, though, there are many decisions that are still in the process of being finalized, and many of our decisions may change based on guidance from State and local officials.

Sincerely,

Alicia Ballaera