



COVID-19/VARIANT POLICY

Dear Parents,

As I'm sure you are aware, we are opening our facility with heightened COVID-19 concerns. The Omicron variant is testing our fortitude as the pandemic stretches into the New Year, but we want to reassure you that Gabby's Place has strong protocols in place.

Our protocols based on guidance from the CDC include:

- Promoting vaccinations for all eligible individuals
- Universal indoor masking by all (excluding infant room students)
- Encouraging frequent hand hygiene
- Eating lunch/snacks outside whenever possible and/or at a distance when students must be indoors
- Running our air purifiers multiple times daily (each room has its own unit)
- The use of our sanitation fogger will also be used daily to help negate the spread of contaminants

It's up to all of us to do our parts to keep our center safe, and we ask for your cooperation on the following measures:

- **Symptoms:** We continue to have a zero-symptom policy at the center, independent of vaccination status. If your child has symptoms, please do NOT bring your child to the center. Symptoms include fever, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea.
- **Masks:** Ensure that your child is coming to the center in a well-fitting mask that stays over their nose and fits closely over their cheeks and chin.
- **Exposures:** Unvaccinated children MUST remain at home if they have been exposed to COVID-19. Vaccinated children may attend as long as they do not develop symptoms, but we follow the CDC's recommendation for them to be tested at day five (5) after exposure.

We will continue our policy of notifying parents if we are concerned their child has been directly exposed to COVID-19 at our center.

