



Greenwood Shalom Tutoring Zone & Summer Enrichment

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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

Admission/Exclusion due to symptoms of illness

Children who are obviously ill with fever, diarrhea, vomiting, green-runny nose, puss/oozing eyes, disease or condition (i.e.- ringworm, head lice, chicken pox, measles, mumps, pink eye, fever over 100 degrees, etc.) will not be admitted to the program. It is a danger to other children and staff members at our facility. If you have any doubts about your child's health, please call us at **617-282-1464 or 617-533-7660** to be sure they may attend. If your child appears to be sick or has any of the above while at school, we will notify the parent or guardian immediately, and it is necessary that the child be picked up within one hour of notification.

The child will be permitted to return when his/her temperature is normal for 24 hours without aid of fever-reducing medication. Your child must have any prescribed medication, such as antibiotics, in his/her system for at least 24 hours before returning. In the event your child is sent home with one of the above health concerns, they will not be permitted back to **GSTZSE** without a doctor's

note. The doctor's note must be written on their letterhead and read that the child can return to school because what they have is no longer contagious.

Permission for a child to be administered medicine in the school must be approved by the Physician and parent utilizing the **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION** form. Medications for maintenance will be administered throughout the day as required. The medication must be given to the Director/Front Desk in its original bottle, which contains the pharmacist's directions. The medication log must be signed by the parent at this time and will be kept on file. Children will be given their medication according to the prescription specifications only.

COVID-19

Effective August 15, 2022, children and staff in child care, K-12, out-of-school time (OST) and recreational camp settings should follow the below guidance.

- A rapid antigen test, such as a self-test, is preferred to a PCR test in most situations.
- To count days for isolation, Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day the day positive test was taken, whichever is earlier.
- Contact tracing is no longer recommended or required in these settings, but schools or programs must continue to work with their Local Board of Health in the case of outbreaks.
- The Commonwealth is not recommending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. While masks are not required or recommended in these settings except for in school health offices, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, should be supported in that choice. For those who need or choose to mask, masking is never required in these settings while the individual is eating, drinking, sleeping or outside.
- All individuals are encouraged to stay up-to-date with vaccination as vaccines remain the best way to help protect yourself and others.

Isolation and exposure guidance and protocols

Guidance for Children and Staff in Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camp Settings:

- Quarantine is no longer required nor recommended for children or staff in these settings, regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure occurred. All exposed individuals may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10, and it is recommended that they test on Day 6 of exposure. If symptoms develop, follow the guidance for symptomatic individuals, below.
- Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5 and should wear a high-quality mask through Day 10:
 - If the individual is able to mask, they must do so through Day 10.
- If the individual has a negative test on Day 5 or later, they do not need to mask.
- If the individual is unable to mask, they may return to programming with a negative test on Day 5 or later.
- Symptomatic individuals can remain in their school or program if they have mild symptoms, are tested immediately onsite, and that test is negative. Best practice would also include wearing a mask, if possible, until symptoms are fully resolved. For symptomatic individuals, DPH recommends a second test within 48 hours if the initial test is negative.
 - If the symptomatic individual cannot be tested immediately, they should be sent home and allowed to return to their program or school if symptoms remain mild and they test negative, or they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving, or if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis. A negative test is strongly recommended for return.

Note: At this time, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved or authorized any at-home rapid antigen test for use in children under 2 years of

age. However, at-home rapid antigen tests may be used off-label in children under 2 years of age for purposes of post-exposure, isolation, and symptomatic testing. It is recommended that parents or guardians deciding to test children under 2 years of age administer the at-home rapid antigen test themselves.

COVID-19 symptoms

COVID-19 Symptoms for Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camps

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms
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We ask that all parents let us know of any potential exposure immediately. A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID- 19 for at least 10 minutes. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic. If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in a child or an adult who has been present in the program, we will inform our parents, Department of Public Health [\(617\) 624-6000](tel:6176246000) (DPH) and our licensure Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).

Note:

Parents are advised to self-screen students at home and check for symptoms at night and prior to coming to program. Parents should look for the following symptoms: including fever, cough, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal symptoms, new loss of taste/smell, muscle aches, or a fever 100.0 F or above or

any other symptoms that feel like a cold. Anyone with a fever of 100.0 F and/or signs of illness will not be permitted to enter the program.

Staff will actively visually monitor children throughout the day for symptoms of any kind, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting, abdominal pain, and unexplained rash. Children who appear ill or are exhibiting signs of illness must be separated from the larger group and isolated until able to leave the facility.

If any child appears to have severe symptoms, call emergency services immediately. Before transferring to a medical facility, notify the transfer team and medical facility if the individual is suspected to have COVID-19. Severe symptoms include the following: extreme difficulty breathing (i.e. not being able to speak without gasping for air), bluish lips or face, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, severe persistent dizziness or lightheadedness, new confusion or inability to rouse someone, or new seizure or seizures that won't stop.

I. Isolation and Discharge of Sick Children and Staff

Greenwood Shalom will:

- (1) Designate a separate space (Library) to isolate children or staff who may become sick. The door will be door closed (or a solid barrier).
- (2) A staff member will supervise and isolate the sick student/ staff at all times.
- (3) Greenwood is unable to provide a private or separate bathroom at this time, however a vomit bag, cloth face covering, will be provided for use by sick individuals only.
- (4) If a child needs to use the restroom, staff will escort student to restroom PPE protected and cleaning solution for immediate clean up.
- (5) No one will enter isolation room/space without PPE appropriate gear to the care setting (gloves, face covering (mask), gloves, and face shield). Staff will notify the local board of health.

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J. Personal Belongings

Children may not bring in any personal belongings aside from what is approved. Please label in items that is brought to the program. No toys or personal items from home will be permitted at this time.

K. Arrival and Departure Procedures

Summer Hours are from 8:00am to 5:00 pm Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Parents are required to sign in and sign out children each day at camp and understand that this policy is strictly enforced. Parents are to inform all persons permitted to remove children from camp of this policy and are to instruct them to have a photo id at time of pick up.

Drop-Off Procedures.

Please abide by the 8:00am drop-off-time. Use the Dakota Street entrance (Silver door).

Pick-Up Procedures

Please abide by the 5:00pm pick-up time. Use the Dakota Street entrance (Silver door).

**Please feel to contact our Site Coordinator; Jennifer Merren 617-949-6495
or Mary Castro Brown 617-949-6494**

Entering Building:

Everyone who enters in the building will receive visual screening: When applicable.

Exiting Building:

When parent arrives, they will call to notify staff of their arrival and a staff member will sign student out while escorting them to parent. When applicable.