



CHILD'S WORLD ACADEMY

Dear Families & Staff,

Thank you for continuing to work through the COVID crisis together. Combatting the virus is truly a community effort, and we sincerely appreciate your commitment to your family, the public's health, and one another.

As long as COVID remains a threat, our schools, along with the State of Connecticut, will continue to monitor, adjust, and change rules and regulations to sustain responsible, loving, and compassionate care.

Today, the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood has issued a mandate that will **require all children who are three years old and older to wear a mask while attending schools and/or childcare. This mandate goes into effect Monday, September 21, 2020.**

You can read more about this change on the website of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood:

<https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-19-Memo-29-Masks-and-Group-Size-English.pdf>

This new mask mandate also comes with a necessary degree of flexibility:

- Children are allowed to have "mask breaks" throughout the day, with no limit to the number of their breaks.
- While masks will be required in the building, they are not required outside.
- Children who have just turned three years old are given two months to acclimate to wearing a mask.

As we have done since our initial reopening at the end of June, our Directors and teachers will continue to lead lessons around health habits. Children will continue to learn how washing our hands, wearing our masks, and spending time outside are all ways we can help support ourselves and others.

Again, thank you for your partnership as we continue to model for our children what it truly means to be in this together.

Warmly,

Lindsay Hoffman,

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