

Dear MVCDC Families,

No additional staff or children have tested positive for COVID-19 this week! This is not due just to good luck! **It's because you and our MVCDC staff are being so careful and working so hard to keep everyone safe.**

Ohio is still a COVID-19 hot spot, which is why **Gov. DeWine has announced that masks are now mandatory across Ohio for everyone over age 10** who is in a public place or outside where social distancing isn't possible.

In addition, the Governor has asked Ohioans who are traveling to or from states that have high rates of infection to self-quarantine for 14 days. **The advisory is currently for Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.** This list could change. **If your child is traveling in one of these areas, he or she will not be permitted to return to our programs for 14 days after their return.**

With this in mind and effective today, July 24:

- At drop-off, you will be asked: **Since July 22, have you traveled to Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida or South Carolina?**
- If the answer is yes and your child returned to Ohio on or after **July 22, he or she will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days from date of return** before returning to our programs.
- If a caregiver traveled **WITHOUT your child** from one of the listed states and returned on or after July 22, **the child is NOT required to self-quarantine.**

Please understand that we are adopting this policy at the recommendation of the Governor and to keep all children, their families and our staff safe. We need your help and your honesty. This policy will be in effect until Ohio lifts the recommendation.

Our summer program for rising kindergarteners is going wonderfully! The children are staying safe and practicing skills they'll need this Fall whether they return to school in-person or virtually. **We're so grateful to have funding** for this program from the national Head Start office. **We greatly appreciate our dedicated staff for taking on this new initiative. They got it up and running quickly, and the kids love this opportunity!**

We are continuing to work on plans for our school-year program that starts August 18. We will offer in-person and virtual learning experiences, and we'll have part-day and full-day, part-week and full-week choices. We'll share more soon! **The number of children we will have in each classroom will be significantly smaller, so some programs will fill up quickly!** Invite your family and friends **to enroll their child by calling (937) 226-5664 or going to MVCDC.org.**

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns – (937) 226-5664, ext. 202.

Gratefully,

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