

Dear Northside Families,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely MLK weekend and are having a good week thus far. Northside's leadership team and I have some essential Covid-related updates to share with you, which I hope will provide more detailed information, provide greater clarity, and in general, make things easier all-around. Your feedback has been very important. The leadership teams at both campuses have been listening, and we thank those who have offered suggestions. ***Please read through all of the information and the attached documents thoroughly.***

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The New York State Department of Health and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services recently updated (again) the COVID-19 guidance for both child care programs and K-12 schools. We have completed our review and are implementing these new guidelines effective immediately. It is worth reading the guidelines for both campuses, but at the very least, **PLEASE READ** the guidelines that pertain to your child's campus. We suggest printing and saving for easy reference.

It is important to note that these guidelines are subject to change. A change might occur should the CDC issue new guidance, which would then be reviewed by the state and local authorities who regulate our programs and mandate compliance. Due to the young age of the children, the preschool **must** follow the guidelines issued by the NYS Office of Children and Family, the Department of Health, and the Bureau of Day Care. The K-8 campus is regulated by the NYS Department of Health and **must** follow its mandates. Surprise inspections occur several times per year at both campuses.

**Please note in the event of COVID-19 exposure, Williamsburg Northside School will require a student to test and provide results on Day 0 as soon as possible and again on Day 5. In*

the event of a school exposure, the student will be sent home with a rapid test kit containing two tests (subject to availability). Due to the current delay in receiving PCR test results, rapid tests are acceptable, but PCR tests may once again be required in lieu of, or in addition to, rapid tests once the situation stabilizes.

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
(WNP: 2s, 3s, PreK)**

Please read, print, and **SAVE** for easy reference the attached guidance from the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Child Care Services dated January 17, 2022.

[Jan 17 NYS Preschool Guidance .pdf](#)

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS (WNS K-8
Campus)**

Please read, print, and **SAVE** for easy reference the attached guidance from the New York State Department of Health dated January 13, 2022.

[IsolationQuarantineGuidance_01.13.22_0.pdf](#)

[Isolation and Quarantine Tables 1.13.22_2.pdf](#)

**NEW DESIGNATED COVID EMAIL ADDRESS FOR
TESTING**

To make our process more accurate and efficient, we ask that you please send ALL COVID-19 test results to the following email address: C19testresults@willnorth.org.

- Please include your child's campus (WNP or WNS), grade, and name in the subject line. Thank you!

**COVID-19 TOWN HALL (For WNP Preschool & WNS K-8
Families)**

In our efforts to be a resource to you and continue to provide transparency, we are offering a virtual Covid-19 Town Hall to answer your questions this **Friday, January 21, 2022, from 9:00 - 9:30 am**. The session will be recorded.

- Please [Join Here for Covid-19 Town Hall](#)
(Meeting ID: 347 437 1482 Passcode: OwlPride)
- Please submit your questions for the Covid-19 Town Hall [here](#) by 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 20.

WEEKLY COVID-19 REPORTS

We are bringing back the weekly Covid-19 report every **Saturday by 9:00 am** to provide the most accurate snapshot of our two campuses. The user-friendly report will include the total number of positive cases at both campuses amongst faculty, staff, and students, as well as the numbers of those in isolation or quarantine for each school week (Mon-Fri). We will continue to quickly alert close contacts and provide campus-wide communication in the event of a positive case among our students, faculty, or staff or in the event of widespread exposure, but we will no longer send out school-wide communication after every positive Covid test result on each campus. The summary report will provide the overall status of our school. Please be on the lookout for the first report this Saturday, January 22.

Our team hopes you find this information useful and appreciates your continued partnership. We especially want to thank the PA for their support of our “spread the love campaign.” **As a reminder, all eligible students must be fully vaccinated by February 14.** All faculty and staff members must also receive their Covid-19 boosters by that date.

As always, please feel free to contact our leadership team

members: [Amanda DiMeo](#) and [Teresa Smith](#) at the preschool campus, [Shiva McClellan](#) at the K-8 campus, [Nurse Anita Thomas](#) with any health-related questions, and [Lisa Melore](#), Director of Operations, or me. [Alyssa Estevez](#) is also happy to answer any questions you may have about continuing at the Nest for the 2022-2023 school year. Have a good evening!

All the best,

Elie

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