



Covid Safety Protocols 2023-2024

Vaccine Requirements:

All Teachers and Classroom Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated + 1 booster for COVID-19. Proof of vaccination, or religious or medical exemption, must be provided prior to the first day of school on September 5, 2023.

The FDA has authorized Covid-19 vaccines for children under the age of 5. We strongly recommend that all students be fully vaccinated prior to the start of school. Vaccination is our best tool for minimizing disruptions to learning and school closures.

We strongly encourage all classroom volunteers and students to remain up-to-date with their COVID vaccinations.

Mask Requirements:

All students, teachers, and classroom volunteers may choose to wear a mask at any time. Masks will be required of all students, teachers, and classroom volunteers when the rate of spread of Covid-19 in Anne Arundel County is High as determined by the CDC. You can check the rate of spread at [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

Masks may also be required in other situations, such as when returning from isolation, when being considered a close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19, or when coming down with Covid like symptoms while at school.

Quarantine and Isolation Requirements:

Crofton Nursery School will follow the guidance of the CDC regarding quarantine and isolation requirements. Full guidance can be found here

[Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 | CDC](#)

Isolation refers to the period of time that a COVID-positive person must be confined away from all other persons in a household or other setting. Quarantine refers to the period of time someone who

has been in close proximity to a COVID-positive person must be confined away from all other persons in a household or other setting.

Students and staff members may return from isolation to school or work after five days provided they are asymptomatic and fever-free for at least 24 hours. They do not need a negative test to return but can return if they wear a well fitting mask for five more days in all indoor settings. Those who test positive for COVID-19 who cannot or choose not to mask must remain home for 10 days. Those who are otherwise symptomatic must remain home from school or work.

Students and staff members who are quarantined by another agency such as the Department of Health must do so for five days. They may return to school or work after five days provided they are asymptomatic and fever-free for at least 24 hours. They do not need a negative test to return but can return if they wear a well fitting mask for five more days in all indoor settings. Those who test positive for COVID-19 who cannot or choose not to mask must remain home for 10 days.

Students and staff may not take part in or attend any school-sponsored activities during the duration of their quarantine.

Those under any type of isolation or quarantine may not test out of isolation or quarantine early.

Cleaning and Ventilation

Crofton Nursery School will make every effort to increase ventilation by running air purifiers and opening windows when it is safe to do so. The school and all toys will be deep cleaned on a monthly basis.

When To Stay Home

If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If you or your child are exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19, please get tested.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include:

- A fever greater than 100.4° F or chills,
- sore throat,
- cough,
- difficulty breathing,
- diarrhea or vomiting,
- new onset of severe headache, or
- new loss of taste or smell

Parents may be called to pick up their children, or admittance to school may be denied, if the child has a bad cough or excessively runny nose or other symptoms of illness. After any non-Covid illness, children should not return to school until they are fever free for 24hrs and have gone 24hrs with no vomiting or diarrhea. Crofton Nursery School reserves the right to require a negative Covid test or doctor's note stating alternative diagnosis before returning to school.

These guidelines are subject to change based on the recommendations of the CDC.