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Dear JJS Families & Staff,

Jubilee JumpStart will reopen as scheduled on Monday, January 3rd. In response to the current surge in cases of COVID-19, we will continue to adhere to our strict health & safety standards and put some additional practices into place.

Test to Return

As you may be aware, DCPS and most Charter Schools are requiring students to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to school. The city is providing rapid antigen tests for this purpose. Although child care centers will be receiving these tests as well, the tests do not meet our needs and requirements. They are not the PCR tests we require for return to school and cannot be administered to children under the age of 2. After much consideration, Jubilee JumpStart will **NOT** require staff and students to test to return to school unless you have traveled during winter break or are symptomatic. If you do choose to test before returning, we encourage PCR testing over rapid testing and ask that you report results to forms@jubileejumpstart.org.

Travel

We will continue to adhere to our policy regarding travel outside of the DMV (DC, Maryland, and Virginia). Any enrolled student who traveled outside of the DMV during Winter Break, must quarantine and test 3-5 days after return. If you choose not to have your child tested, they must quarantine for a full 10 days. Please ensure that you are counting day 1 as the first full day after your return to DC and testing 3-5 days later. For example, if you returned to DC on the afternoon of 12/26, Day 1 is considered to be 12/27. PCR test results must be reported to forms@jubileejumpstart.org.

Hours of Operation

Prior to the start of the school year, many families indicated a need for the center to open earlier, leading to changing the hours to 7:45 am - 5:30 pm. For more than a month, the number of students arriving prior to 8:00 am has decreased and most mornings there are no more than 2 or 3 children arriving before 8:00 am. As a consistent need for a 7:45 am opening is not evident, we've made the decision to adjust the opening time to 8:00 am. We will continue to close at 5:30pm. This adjustment will allow for fewer staff floating through classrooms.

Masks

Masks are **MANDATORY** for all staff and students aged 2 years and up. We will transition to the use of N95, K95, or KN95 disposable masks. This practice will remain in effect for at least the month of January. Jubilee JumpStart will provide these masks for students and staff. Staff will be provided these masks as of Monday, January 3rd. Masks for students have been ordered and will be put into use as soon as we receive them. Staff &

students must arrive at the center wearing a mask and switch to the provided mask upon arrival. No one may enter the gate without a mask.

Health Screenings

All staff and families are required to complete the Health Screening via Tadpoles prior to arrival each morning. Please complete the health screening before you leave home. Please answer the questions honestly and accurately. Staff and students experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms **MUST STAY HOME!** Upon arrival, an admin team member will conduct a visual screening of each student and confirm completion of the health screening. Follow up health screening questions may be asked.

Exclusions

We understand the difficulties that arise when your child is excluded from attending. However, to ensure that the center can remain open, it is vital that any student or staff member experiencing symptoms not be in attendance.

- Please report any absences to the center via phone, email or the Tadpoles app on the day of absence. We ask that you include the specific reason for the absence.
- If your child becomes ill during the day, we require that they be picked up from the center ***within 1 hour*** of our notification to you. As possible, sick children will be isolated from their peers until picked up.
- Please ensure that we have the proper contact information for you and any alternate pickup persons.

Arrivals & Departures

Families may continue to enter the main lobby to check their students in and out on the tablet. To ensure proper social distancing:

- Only 1 family will be allowed in the lobby at a time. Please wait in the designated space along the mural wall for your turn to enter the lobby. If the line becomes long, an admin team member will process check-ins with a second tablet.
- Only 1 parent/authorized person may enter with their student. Non-enrolled children may not enter the center (lobby or classrooms).
- You must check your child in or out **BEFORE** proceeding to their classroom.

Cohorts

In the weeks prior to winter break, staffing shortages led to mixing of cohorts (Pre-k combining with 2's). Moving forward, we will ensure that the designated cohorts are strictly maintained. (The 8 a.m. opening time will help make this possible.)

Positive Case Response

When a positive case of COVID-19 is reported:

- Jubilee JumpStart will submit notification to DC Health and OSSE
- The classroom(s) directly affected will close and all students and staff assigned to the classroom(s) will be required to quarantine for up to 10 days.
- NEW: Despite their vaccination status, staff in close contact with the positive case will be required to quarantine. If asymptomatic, a negative test 5 days after contact can clear them to return to work.
- NEW: Any enrolled siblings of children in the affected classroom will also be required to quarantine. This change is in response to the high transmission rate of the Omicron variant.

- DC Health is expected to provide additional guidance upon completion of contact tracing.

Please continue to report symptoms and provide documentation of test results to forms@jubileejumpstart.org. In addition, we ask that you report any positive test results via this form <https://forms.gle/wkYXNY1N5Hf5DVQs7>. Please report information for all members of your household.

We thank you all for your continued support during this time. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of us via email.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where can I get PCR test results back quickly?

A: Many families have had quick results from PM Pediatrics, MedStar, and SameDay Health in Georgetown.

Q: Are results from the Test Yourself DC program acceptable for return to work/school?

A: DC is now offering 2 “At Home” testing options.

- (1) The **Test Yourself DC** is a COVID-19 At Home Testing Kit that allows you to take a COVID-19 test at home without having to wait in line at a testing site. The COVID-19 At Home Testing Kit is intended for the collection of anterior nasal swabs from individuals age 18 years and older (self-collected), 14 years and older (self-collected under adult supervision), or 2 years and older (collected with adult assistance). Test Yourself DC kits are available for pick-up at 27 locations around the city. *These tests provide PCR test results that are accepted for return to work and school for individuals 2 years and older.*
- (2) **Test Yourself DC Express** is a free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test that detects if you have a current COVID-19 infection in as little as 15 minutes. The COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kit is intended for the collection of anterior nasal swabs from individuals aged 15 years and older (self-collected) or 2 years and older (collected with adult assistance). Test Yourself DC Express kits are available for DC residents, with proof of address, at 8 locations throughout the District. *These tests **do not** provide results that are accepted for return to work and school.*