



July 20, 2020

## Covid-19 Update

Dear families,

In order to reopen, some strict guidelines have been put in place by the Department of Early Education and Care as recommended by the CDC, which we must adhere to. These guidelines have been fluid and have already changed since their initial release. If you have further questions on this information, please feel free to contact me and I will try and answer them.

Hopefully the following will give you a better idea of what to expect:

- Hours of operation will be 7:30-5:30 for the fall with some additional time for staggered drop off and pick up, this is a result of the new staffing requirements.
- Parents will need to do a daily health check of their children at home prior to arriving at school (Instructions will be provided).
- Children will be dropped off in the parking lot and met by JNP staff.
- A staff member will do a daily health screening of the child and have parents sign an attestation that they have done the pre-screening at home.
- PPE will be worn by the screener.
- Parents will be assigned a drop off time and are asked to wear masks while dropping off their children.
- Parents will need to provide a contact phone number daily where they can be reached if a child becomes ill.
- Parents will not be able to accompany their children into the school unless a child is experiencing extreme separation anxiety.
- Handwashing will be increased and all persons entering JNP are expected to go immediately to bathrooms/sinks to wash hands before entering a classroom.
- Hand sanitizer will be used with children 2 years and older with parental permission.



- All staff will wear masks when 6 feet of physical distancing is not possible.
- JNP will require all children ages 2 and older to have a supply of clean masks to wear daily when 6 feet of physical distancing is not possible.
- Toddlers will not be required to wear masks but physical distancing will be encouraged as much as possible with this age group.
- Classroom sizes in the school will not be larger than 10 children per class. Our larger preschool rooms have been divided and teachers are team teaching
- Teachers will be working with the same group of children daily and groups of children will not be combined during the day.
- Our toothbrushing program will cease until further notice.
- Parents need to call the school before arriving for pick up so we can bring your child out to you.
- Sanitizing and disinfecting by staff will occur prior to opening, mid-day and at the end of the day as well as all the other times during the day that staff clean. Our products are EPA registered to fight Covid-19.
- The school will continue to be cleaned nightly by an outside company using EPA registered products to fight Covid-19.
- An abundance of love, kindness and support will be given to all children as well as the needed contact whenever possible.
- Parents may call/email the school daily to check on their children using the main JNP email or the individual classroom email accounts.
- In the event of a case of Covid-19, JNP will contact the local board of health and be put in touch with the public health nurse to receive further guidance on closures.

Kindly,

Yvonne

9 East Common Street Topsfield, MA 01983 ~ (978)887-2101x8 ~ [www.joyfulnoisestopsfield.com](http://www.joyfulnoisestopsfield.com)