

Morning Program COVID-19 Protocols July 1, 2022

While vaccination is allowing relaxation of some protective measures against COVID-19 for many people this summer, **some of the children who participate in the Morning Program will still be unvaccinated and at risk for catching and spreading COVID-19.** Due to this fact, **IPP will continue to observe protective measures against COVID-19.**

In compliance with New York State Guidance, recommendations from the CDC, and IHP Policies:

- **Masks are recommended indoors** for all staff, participants, and visitors (parents, guardians, babysitters, etc.), regardless of vaccination status.
 - ***Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask at pick up and drop off, or avoid coming to Morning Program sites.***
- **Hands and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly.**
- **Unvaccinated participants are strongly encouraged to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to attending the Morning Program, and to be tested periodically while attending**
- **Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may not come to any Morning Program sites.**
 - An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 may return to Morning Program sites after 5 days following the positive test if they remain asymptomatic and have experienced 24hrs with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. These individuals must wear a mask at all times for an additional five days. If a child receives a positive test for COVID-19 within two weeks (14 days) of their attendance at the Morning Program, their parent/guardian must notify the Director of the Morning Program as quickly as possible.
- **Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 may not come to any Morning Program sites.**
 - If a child must be kept home from the Morning Program due to symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected exposure to COVID-19 outside of the Morning Program, their parent/guardian must notify the Director of the Morning Program as quickly as possible.
- **Children who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while at the Morning Program will be isolated from the rest of their group and sent home.**
 - **Children exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home** and may return to the Morning Program 5 days after symptoms first appeared AND 24hrs with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Children will be required to wear a mask while on-site for an additional 5 days..
- **Fully vaccinated* individuals (including staff, parents, caregivers, etc.) may return to Morning Program sites following an exposure to COVID-19 immediately, unless instructed to quarantine or isolate by a healthcare professional.**
- **Anyone who is in quarantine or in isolation for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or due to exposure to COVID-19 may NOT come to any Morning Program sites.**

Refunds:

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, or if your child's session is canceled due to COVID-19, you may request a refund of your paid tuition for the impacted session(s), or you may donate these funds to IPP to help cover program costs. Partial weeks will be prorated for the days missed. Refund requests may be refused by IPP in certain circumstances, such as if the child/family is found to be in violation of the IPP COVID-19 Policy or Protocols. Requests should be made to ippreg@gmail.com within 1 week of the end date of the canceled session.
- If your child is quarantined due to exposure outside of the Morning Program and is unable to attend the morning program, you may request a refund (by emailing ippreg@gmail.com) for the impacted session(s) in line with the below schedule:
 - >1 week before the start of the session: 75% of the amount you paid for the session.
 - Within a week of the start of the session: 50% of the amount you paid for the session.
 - After the session has started: nothing.

Counselor Policies:

- Counselors will inform the Directors of their vaccination status. Unvaccinated counselors are encouraged to test regularly during the program.
- If a counselor is quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19 outside of the Morning Program and unable to come to work, they will not be paid for time missed.
 - Fully vaccinated* Counselors who are exposed to COVID-19 or identified as a close contact of an individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or stay home from work unless directed to do so by a healthcare professional.
- Counselors who develop symptoms of COVID-19 must not report to work and must notify the Director of the Morning Program as quickly as possible.
 - Counselors who show symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate and get tested.
 - Counselors who test positive for COVID-19 must not come to work and must notify the Director of the Morning Program as quickly as possible. They may return to the Morning Program 5 days after symptoms first appeared AND 24hrs with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Counselors will be required to wear a mask while on-site for an additional 5 days..
- If part of the program is closed due to COVID-19, but the counselor can still work, they will be reassigned to another area.
- If the whole program is closed due to COVID-19, counselors will be paid half of their wage for up to three days per week that they would have worked.

Any necessary changes to these policies will be published on islandpeoplesproject.com and clearly communicated to families and participants prior to their enforcement.

*People are considered fully vaccinated in these categories:

- Individuals age 12 or older who have received all [recommended vaccine doses](#), including [boosters](#) when eligible
- Individuals age 5-11 years who have completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Individuals who have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (positive results using a [viral test](#)).