

COVID-19 Plan Addendum 2
September 28, 2020

**All children ages 3 -6 will wear masks while attending PUMC preschool.
(Beginning October 1, 2020)**

After much discussion and reading of information gathered by the Preschool Board from the Academy of Pediatrics, the Center of Disease Control, Olenyong Local School District, guidelines from our governor and foremost the Delaware General Health District this policy change was made.

It is important to understand any action or protocol taken at the preschool is not intended to eliminate the COVID 19 virus but will possibly slow the spread of it. It is very important for us to take any steps to try and keep our preschoolers, families and staff safe during these ever changing times.

The epidemiologist at the Delaware General Health District closed one of our classrooms two weeks ago when a positive test was confirmed in the class. If all of the children from that class attending at that time would have been wearing masks, the class could have remained open. Those children and families would not have had to self-quarantine.

The teachers will use the wearing of masks by their preschoolers as a time to teach proper caring for and wearing of a mask. Since school started proper hand washing techniques and self- distancing have been discussed and practiced with all of the children in their day to day routine.

Children will be given mask breaks and water breaks within the time of attendance at preschool.

While outside and at large muscle, if children are self-distanced and exerting excessive energy, masks may be taken off. While sitting in the sandbox masks must be worn.

I appreciate all of the kind words and support each of you has given during this time of uncertainty.

Be safe and stay well,
Linda Franz, Director