



Department of Health  
& Mental Hygiene

Department of  
Education

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Dear Families,

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the New York City Department of Education (DOE) continue to collaborate on keeping students, families and staff members safe, healthy, and informed as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic evolves. The health and safety of our communities remains our top priority and we will continue to provide guidance and take all appropriate measures to keep our students, families, and staff members safe.

At present, we do not have any new updates to report since our last letter dated [May 29, 2020](#). However, guidance issued by DOHMH remains in place, and we urge you to continue to visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) at any time for this important information related to MIS-C. There, you will find the DOHMH MIS-C [Fact Sheet](#), provided last week which is also available in multiple languages [here](#).

We will continue to take precautions to prevent your child from being exposed to COVID-19 while attending a REC site. As a reminder, please be advised **all children over the age of two who can medically tolerate a face covering must wear one when they are outside their home. Children and all staff are required to use a face covering at all times** while they are on-site at RECs. Students and staff will continue to practice good hand hygiene and physical distancing. Staff will continue to teach and reinforce these habits to all in attendance.

Children with chronic medical conditions can be at higher risk for poor outcomes of COVID-19 and should take special care to adhere to prevention measures. If your child becomes ill with a continued fever, please call your doctor. Please make sure you document all of your child's symptoms since your doctor will use the information to recommend next steps. If your child is severely ill, please visit the nearest emergency room or call 911 immediately.

Please visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) at any time for the latest information on COVID-19 and MIS-C, and contact 311 with any questions. Please contact your REC site supervisor with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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