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We are looking forward to our final after-school session of the 2021-2022 school year! The curated selection of programs offered this Spring is sure to bring lots of enjoyment for everyone. As always, we appreciate your support of all that we do to look after the safety and well-being of your children and the larger 116Kids community.

Pursuant to the recent Board of Directors meeting, we want to inform you of our latest COVID-19 policies and protocols, which will go into effect March 21, 2022.

For students under age 5:

- Mask mandates for students under age 5 (those students in our pre-k program) remain in place by order of the City of New York. As such, masks for our pre-k program will be REQUIRED both indoors and outdoors. <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/108-22/as-covid-cases-plummet-vaccination-rates-reach-new-heights-mayor-adams-next-phase-of#/0>

For students in K-5th grade:

- Masks indoors will be REQUIRED
<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/provider-letters/2022/Dear-Provider-2022Mar01-Mask-Update.pdf>
- Masks outdoors will be OPTIONAL
 - If you would like your child to remain masked while outdoors, please reach out to us so that we may assist in your child's compliance.
- We will NOT be requiring that students be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enroll in our Spring Session.

Please note that we reserve the right to change these protocols should new information become available OR should any New York City or New York State department (e.g. DOE, DOH, OCFS) require that our program mandate such changes. We will not change the vaccination policy for the entirety of the Spring Session, unless required to do so by a city or state agency.

There is nothing we take more seriously than the health and safety of our staff and students. We understand that families may have differing opinions on our new protocols and we ask that you kindly understand our need to balance choice with responsibility. Our responsibility as a private after-school program is to do everything we can to protect the members of our community.