

## COVID PROTOCOLS Updated November 2021

As an agency that works with children of all ages and prioritizes safety for our matches, we continue to lean on the side of caution when dealing with COVID protocols.

As of November 4, 2021, **we are asking our matches to continue to wear their masks if one or both parties in the match (the Big and the Little) are not fully vaccinated and if the match is not able to adhere to social distancing.**

What does this mean for our matches? Currently the youngest approved age to be vaccinated is 5 years old. With that being said, our recommendations are:

- **If both Big and Little are fully vaccinated**, then no masks are required for match activities. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose for Pfizer & Moderna, and after a single dose for Johnson and Johnson. Boosters are not required to be considered fully vaccinated.
- **If only one person is fully vaccinated**, then we ask that both Big and Little continue to wear a mask if individuals are indoors, or unable to socially distance. When a match is meeting outdoors and can maintain a 6-foot distance, masks are not required during that time.

A few reminders to keep in mind as we move through this transitional time for our matches.

- We expect our matches to always follow city, state, and business rules. If a business requires a mask, we expect our matches to wear a mask.
- We always ask our matches to respect the comfort level of all individuals associated with the match. For example, if your Little has a medical condition and would prefer their Big to wear a mask, even though the Big is vaccinated, please respect that ask.
- We are following the CDC, local, state and school district's recommendations and will update our guidelines as new information becomes available.

As always, if you have any questions about these guidelines or any of our rules or policies, please reach out to your Match Support Specialist to discuss the specifics of your match.

Thank you for your cooperation and for following these guidelines. We value each of you and appreciate the trust you place in us by allowing us to be part of your match.