

## Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation CUBSIGHT PROGRAM 2020 Gravier Street, Suite B New Orleans, LA 70112



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the activities of schools, pre-schools, daycare centers and nurseries, causing most to be totally suspended for a time. As these institutions attempt to return to normalcy, anti-viral precautionary measures will surely increase, and so will parental concerns for children's health. Recognizing the importance of vision care, the LLEF CubSight program will resume vision screenings as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

While the CubSight Program Policies & Procedures already include many safeguards, we will add any procedures necessary to comply with state and local government guidelines as well as precautionary measures required by the schools or daycares being visited.

The CubSight Program uses auto refractors that take a reading 3.3 feet distance from the child. Although it is now encouraged to maintain a social distance of 6 feet or more in group settings, the brief time it takes to screen a child should alleviate any worry of unsafe exposure.

A chart published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that an individual who has had close contact (less than 6 feet) for 15 minutes or longer with known or suspected COVID-19, or possible COVID-19, would be at risk. However, the maximum CubSight screening time is well short of that CDC stated 15 minute parameter. Please see below CDC footnote:

"Data are insufficient to precisely define the duration of time that constitutes a prolonged exposure. Recommendations vary on the length of time of exposure, but 15 minutes of close exposure can be used as an operational definition. Brief interactions are less likely to result in transmission; however, symptoms and the type of interaction (e.g., did the infected person cough directly into the face of the exposed individual) remain important." Accessed on 6/11/2020 at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html</a>

Be assured that LLEF CubSight and Lions Club Volunteers will keep health and safety as a main priority of vision screening services. Contact our LLEF Staff with any questions or concerns at 504-525-7235, or at <a href="mailto:cubsight1@gmail.com">cubsight1@gmail.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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