

COVID-19 Policy

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission, we are taking the following precautionary measures:

Your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):

- a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19
- b) Traveled:
 - Internationally;
 - Domestically, from an area which is experiencing widespread community transmission of COVID-19 (as identified by the CDC); or from any area which is the subject of similar travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

14 days after the last potential exposure, your household may return **provided these three things have happened:**

- a) At least 7 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms; **and**
- b) Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved); **and**
- c) The household has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain medical clearance before return to the center (see Illness policy).

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

CLOSE CONTACT: is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), that contact will NOT be considered close contact for purposes of this policy.

Child Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____

Health Check and Illness Policy - COVID 19

Applies to staff, children and their household members, which states in part:

ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER.

- Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center.
 - Fever of 100.4 F or higher, now or in the preceding 72 hours
 - Cough
 - Sore Throat
 - Muscle Aches
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Loss of Taste or Smell
- Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 14 days unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must be from the child's pediatrician (or for family members, a physician note must come from a physician outside of the family).
- If a physician confirms that your child is ill with a non-COVID-19 illness, they may return to the center when they have been symptom free for 24 hours without medication as per our regular school illness policy.

ALL STAFF AND CHILDREN WILL BE SCREENED PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CENTER AND AT ANY PRESENTATION OF SYMPTOMS.

- Staff and children will be screened using the following methods:
 - Visual inspection for signs of infection which could include flushed cheeks, fussiness, lethargy, cough, etc.
 - Temperature will be taken
- If your child becomes sick at school, they will be isolated from the group and kept comfortable until they are picked up. All sick children must be picked up with 30 minutes of notification.

Child Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

SUMMARY OF ENHANCED PROTOCOLS.

We are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and the guidance of medical experts.

At your center, you will notice:

- **Daily health check** for Staff and children before entering the center.
- **Nonessential visitors** are not allowed into the center.
- **Drop-offs/pick-ups** taking place at the exterior doors.
- **Hygiene/handwashing** emphasized throughout the day.
- **Masks** worn by staff and children over 2 years inside the building, when feasible.
- **Reduced class sizes**, as determined by local guidance, in consistent groupings with consistent staffing as possible. Classes will not combine.
- **Social distancing being practiced** as much as possible, including at meal and nap times.
- **Removal** of classroom toys, materials and items that are hard to clean.
- **Frequent cleaning and disinfecting** of high touch surfaces and toys.
- **Increased time spent outside.**
- **One group at a time in each playground area**, sanitizing in between groups.