

Updated Health and Safety Protocols and Procedures Fall 2020

Social Distancing Practices

Appropriate social distancing will be adhered to as often as possible. Our capacity will be slightly reduced for the fall semester to help prevent the coronavirus spread and maintain social distancing. Gross motor play will be limited to our playground and other large remote outdoor spaces. Classrooms will be allowed to go for community walks in low-density areas only. All field trips have been canceled for the fall.

We have suspended the use of water fountains, sandboxes, and sensory tables for the time being. Children will sit apart during mealtimes, and family-style dining has been suspended until further notice. Cribs and napping cots will be placed at a minimum of 6 feet apart between each child.

Pick-up and Drop-off Procedures

Upon arrival, please do not enter your assigned door code. Ring the doorbell, and a staff member will come to the door to assist you. At arrival, we will ask parents/ guardians the following questions:

- Are you or your child currently experiencing any respiratory illness or distress symptoms?
- Have you been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you traveled to any area with widespread COVID-19 disease within the last 14 days?
- Are you or anyone in your home in an active quarantine status?

At arrival, each child's temperature will be taken at the door, and the children will be checked for wellness. Any child exhibiting new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms or a temperature above 100.0°F will be excluded from care and cannot return until they are symptom-free for 72 hours or until we receive a note from the child's physician. If a family chooses to have their child tested for COVID, the child cannot return until we have their test results.

Parents will be asked to refrain from entering the building beyond the vestibule at the Center's entrance. Any parent demanding admittance to their child's classroom will be subject to our screening procedures. Only one family at a time will be allowed in the vestibule. Signage has been placed outside of the Center as a guideline for social distancing. Children will be escorted in and out of their classrooms by administrative staff.

The children's temperatures will also be taken after naptime and if a child seems unwell. Any child exhibiting new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 or a temperature above 100.0°F will be excluded from care until they have been symptom-free for 72 hours, or the family provides a doctor's note.

If There is a Case of COVID-19 at the Center

If a child in our care or an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, we will immediately notify the Department of Health, and act according to their instructions. It may be helpful to plan emergency alternative care arrangements, just in case we are mandated to close and quarantine.

Face Masks

All staff members and visitors will be required to wear face masks. Parents must wear a mask at drop off and pick up. Children in the Senior Toddler Room and Three-Year-Old Room will be required to wear a mask only when going for a walk. Children in the Four-Year-Old Room will be required to wear a mask the entire day, except during meals or nap. Families can purchase their own masks for their child, but disposable and cloth masks are also available for the children to use.

Additional Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols

All commonly used surfaces will be sanitized and disinfected regularly with a bleach solution and Virex© disinfectant spray throughout the day. The bleach solution will be made daily at arrival. Mouthed toys and objects will be cleaned and sanitized before being used by a different child. Regular cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures will be amplified by classroom staff. Our playground equipment and toys will be disinfected after each use. The Center has requested additional cleaning and maintenance to be completed by our campus.