

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 to our vulnerable community, 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 (for example – close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering); **or**
- (b) Traveled:
 - internationally;
 - domestically, from an area which is experiencing widespread community transmission of COVID-19; **or**
 - from any area which is the subject of similar travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

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

- (a) At least 5 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 48 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 will be allowed.

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, contractors, 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.

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 AT HOME 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. Should your child be sent home with any of the below symptoms, your child will remain out of the facility the next day or till symptom free.
 - Fever of 100.4 F or higher, now or in the preceding 48 hours
 - Cough/ Sore Throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Fatigue/Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
- Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 5 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 not be from a family member.
- Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 1.0 hour of notification. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

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). We are encouraging staff to maintain small group sizes and practice social distancing to the best of our ability, given the ever-changing circumstances and variation in guidance across states and localities.

At the center, you may notice:

Daily Health Check for Staff and children at home are required *before* coming to the center.

Nonessential visitors are not allowed into the center. (Lifted on 3/12/2022)

Mask Policy: determined by local guidance

Hygiene/handwashing emphasized daily in the center and the classrooms.

Reduced class sizes, as determined by local guidance, in consistent groupings with consistent staffing as possible.

Social distancing being practiced as much as possible, including at meal and nap times.

Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces, toys, and laundered items.

Outdoor time limited to one group at a time, with back-to-back use of the play area limited.