

COVID-19 ADDITIONAL UPDATED POLICIES

Additional Preschool Center regulations:

1. All parents and visitors must wear a **face mask** when dropping off and picking up the kids.
Drop-Off and Pick-Up procedures:
To minimize contact between families, drop-off/pick-up will be completed on a first come, first serve basis. One family at a time can be in my entrance hallway for a maximum of 5-10 minutes for screening and sign-in procedures. If a family is already in my hallway, then another arriving family must wait in their vehicle until that family has gotten back into their vehicle. Same procedures must be followed at pick-up time. All adults should wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up. Children over the age of 3 will wear a mask if parents wish. After screening, I will assist the child in washing hands before allowing the child to play in the preschool space.
2. Every child must have a **mask in his/her backpack** each day (labeled with name). I will not make a child wear mask, unless a parent insists to.
3. Parents must **self-screen themselves and their kids** prior to coming to preschool using following questions:

A) Today or in the past 24 hours, have you or any household members had any of the following symptoms?

- Fever (temperature of 100.0 F or above now or during last 72 hours)?
- Cough?
- Sore throat?
- Difficulty breathing?
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)?
- Fatigue? (Fatigue alone should not exclude a child from participation.)
- Headache?
- New loss of smell/taste?
- New muscle aches?
- Any other signs of illness?

B) In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?

If you, your child or any of your household member is experiencing any of listed above symptoms, please stay home and notify me.

4. All kids will be **verbally screened** for the signs of illness before entering the premises.
5. Kids and preschool staff **must wash their hands:**
 - Upon entry into and exit from program space;
 - When coming in to the program space from outside activities;
 - Before and after eating;
 - After sneezing, coughing or nose blowing;
 - After toileting and diapering;

- Before handling food;
- After touching or cleaning surfaces that may be contaminated;
- After using any shared equipment like toys, computer keyboards, mouse, climbing walls;
- After assisting children with handwashing;
- Before and after administration of medication;
- Before entering vehicles used for transportation of children;
- After contact with facemask or cloth face covering;
- Before and after changes of gloves.

6. Items from home

Please limit the number of items from home coming to my preschool. This especially pertains to soft toys, blankets, and other cloth items that can be difficult to sanitize.

Additional Health policies:

1. If the individual tests positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic, isolation may be discontinued when at least **10 days** have passed from the date of the positive test, as long as the individual remains asymptomatic. For example, if the individual was tested on April 1, isolation may be discontinued on or after April 11 if the individual still has no symptoms.
2. If a child or staff has been exposed to COVID-19, regardless of whether the individual has symptoms or not, the child or staff must not be permitted to enter the program space and must be sent home. Exposed individuals must be directed to **stay home for at least 14 days** after the last day of contact with the person who is sick. The program must consult the local board of health for guidance on quarantine for other children and staff and what additional precautions will be needed to ensure the program space is safe for continued child care services.
3. If an exposed child or staff subsequently tests positive or their doctor says they have confirmed or probable COVID-19, they must be directed to stay home for a **minimum of 10 days** from the 1st day of symptoms appearing AND be **fever-free for 72 hours** without fever reducing medications AND experience significant improvements in symptoms. Release from isolation is under the jurisdiction of the local board of health where the individual resides.
4. If a child's household member or staff's household member tests positive for COVID-19, the child or staff must **self-quarantine for 14 days** after the last time they could have been exposed.
5. If an Exposed Child or Staff Remains Asymptomatic and/or Tests Negative for COVID-19: If the exposed individual remains asymptomatic and/or tests negative for COVID-19, they must remain in quarantine and continue to monitor for the **full 14 days**.

Additional payment policies:

1. As you know regular missed sick days are non-refundable, but I will charge only 1/2 of tuition for COVID-19 sick days. So in case if a child is sick with COVID-19 (or his/her family member is tested positive), he/she is not allowed to attend preschool for 14 days. So I have decided to charge only 1/2 for these missed days.
2. In case if I or one of my family members becomes sick with COVID-19, I will close preschool, and will charge only 1/2 of tuition for these days too.