

Tots N Toyland COVID-19 Response Plan
Updated September 13 , 2021

Dear Families,

Attached is the most recent version of the Response Plan we have developed to mitigate the risk of transmission of the novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19.

Increased Hand Washing and Sanitation- All children/staff have increased their hand washing throughout the day. We have discussed proper hand washing with staff, and made additional opportunities available throughout the day to make this a priority above and beyond the existing protocol. Children/staff wash before and after every meal, after touching bodily fluids, coming in from outdoors, using the bathroom or having their diaper changed, and anytime their hands become soiled. All surfaces, bathrooms, high-touch areas, and play items are cleaned and sanitized multiple times per day. Staff members use a 1:10 bleach solution, Lysol spray and an all-purpose cleaner that is approved to kill bacteria, viruses and fungus to disinfect all materials.

Increased Screening - We rely on you to let us know if your child has been ill. We further request you inform us of any known contact between your children or yourself with someone who is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms. These include fever, chills, body aches, sore throat, dry cough, fatigue, loss of sense of smell or taste, headache, sneezing, congestion, colorful nasal drainage, difficulty breathing, or chest tightness. All children will have their temperature recorded by a staff member before they are permitted to stay for that day.

Household Members and Exclusion of Care for Children/Staff - If a child/staff member's household member is diagnosed with COVID-19, children/staff are excluded from care until one of the following time lines below is satisfied:

1. Without testing the child/staff, 10 day quarantine will begin AFTER the infected family member's 10-day infection period has ended, AND the child/staff member must have remained asymptomatic for that entire duration.
2. With a negative test on or after day 5 following the infected family member's 10-day infection period, AND the child/staff member must have remained asymptomatic for that entire duration, return to care is permitted after 7 days.

EXAMPLE : Jane is an enrolled preschool student. Her brother who lives at home with her tested positive for CV-19 on Monday, 9/13 (day 1). His infection period will end on Wednesday night 9/22 (day 10). Jane can either quarantine from 9/23 (day 1) until end of day 10/2 (day 10) and return on 10/3 if she remained asymptomatic OR be tested on 9/27 (day 5) and return on 9/30 (day 8) if she remained asymptomatic.

Staff and Children / Probable or Confirmed COVID-19 - If a staff member/child is diagnosed with COVID-19, the center will initiate a 10-day-from-last-exposure shutdown for the exposed individuals unless testing allows return after 7 days. All exposed individuals will be immediately notified through contact tracing. Return to care is permitted after 10 days for everyone who did not develop symptoms, OR after 7 days if a negative test is received on or after day 5 of last known exposure. At-home testing will be accepted.

EXAMPLE: Jane was exposed to CV-19 on 9/13 (day 0). She can quarantine from 9/14 (day 1) until 9/23 and return to care on 9/24 if she remained asymptomatic, OR test on 9/18 (day 5) and return on 9/21 (day 8) if she remained asymptomatic.

According to CDC guidelines, people of all ages can become infected and are capable of spreading COVID-19 with or without symptoms present. Because COVID-19 can affect individuals with varying degrees of severity, our policy is to exclude ALL illnesses from the center at this time. This exclusion includes the common cold. The only symptoms that are an exception to this policy are sneezing, itching or watery eyes, clear nasal drainage, or scratchy throat. If present, these symptoms must be cleared by a physician, via a written note, as seasonal allergies.

If a child or staff member shows symptoms listed above, they may not return to daycare until they have subsided for at least 24 hours or earlier if a physician has cleared the child as free of COVID-19.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Acceptance of Tots N Toyland COVID-19 Response Plan Updated September 13, 2021

I have read and agree to follow the guidelines outlined in the Tots N Toyland COVID-19 Response Plan. I will do my part so we may all benefit and do our best to keep our daycare community safe.

_____ I agree to maintain a distance of 6 feet between myself and others whenever possible and expediently pick up and drop off without spending unnecessary time in conversation.

_____ I agree to assess myself and my child for illness BEFORE I bring my child to the center.

_____ I agree to notify the administration of a pending COVID-19 test for anyone living in my household within 24 hours of gaining that knowledge.

_____ I agree to notify the administration of any known exposure from COVID-19 to anyone in my household within 24 hours of gaining that knowledge.

_____ I agree to wear a face covering and alert authorized pickup persons to wear a face-covering anytime we are present in the building.

_____ I agree to complete the electronic health check at sign-in on the Brightwheel app, OR a paper symptom checker presented to me or my designated drop-off individual upon arriving at my child's classroom.

_____ I agree to notify the administration of the results of a COVID-19 test for anyone in my household within 12 hours.

_____ I understand my child will have his/her temperature taken at drop-off and throughout the day, and that information will be recorded in Brightwheel and visible to the Tots N Toyland staff.

_____ I understand my child is not permitted to attend the center if they are exhibiting ANY symptoms of illness or have a body temperature of 100 degrees or higher unless cleared by a physician. I have familiarized myself with all exclusion symptoms listed in the COVID-19 Response plan.

_____ I understand my child cannot return to care after an illness until ALL symptoms have resolved or a doctor has provided a negative COVID-19 test result and it is likely my child will be excluded for common cold symptoms.

_____ I understand if anyone in my household, another child's household, or a staff member's household is diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19, individuals must follow the guidelines given in the examples above before returning to care.

_____ I understand if my child, another child, or a staff member in the center is diagnosed with COVID-19, the center will quarantine exposed individuals for 7-10 days from the time of the last exposure. Return to care is permitted, after 10 days for everyone who did not develop symptoms or after 7 days for those who test negative on or after day 5 and remain asymptomatic.

_____ I understand if the center is required to shut down or my child is required to quarantine, **all payments are due in full.**

_____ I understand at-home tests are accepted provided I send a photograph of the test to the administration prior to return. I understand COVID-19 PCR testing results can take as long as 5-8 or more days to be delivered.

_____ I understand if my child has been exposed to COVID-19 in the center, I will be notified within hours. However, I recognize the administration is not in control of when they are informed of an exposure and must dedicate 1-3 hours after notification to make contact with the VDH representative and contact trace appropriately via camera feed and attendance records. While the admin team makes every effort to get information out immediately, it is possible I may not be notified of the need to quarantine until very late in the evening or very early in the morning. Notifications may be sent anytime during the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 pm to ensure I have the information I need to keep my family and others safe.

_____ I understand exposure criteria is identified as indoors and within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 or more minutes across a 24-hour period where both individuals are not masked.

_____ I understand and accept that I am entering myself and my child into a high-risk environment where 95% of the attending population is unable to mask, control their bodily fluids without assistance, and likely to spread any illness, including COVID-19, to myself or my child while they are in care.