

Updated Covid-19 Attendance Policy and Agreement

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Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. Maria Teresa's Babies (MTB) cannot prevent you or your child(ren) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing childcare services on the premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to have your child attend the center per the guidelines outlined below, you may be exposing your child to and/or increasing their risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Guidelines for attendance following exposure to a Covid-positive person or close contact of a Covid-positive person:

If a child has close contact with a Covid-positive individual, he or she would be required to take a PCR test within two to five days of known exposure and not allowed to attend MTB in the interim.

- If the test comes back negative and the child is asymptomatic, he or she can return to school.
- If the test comes back positive, the child and any siblings also enrolled at Maria Teresa's Babies will not be allowed to return for 10 days from the date of exposure

For the other children at the center, parents **may elect** to have their children:

1. return to MTB immediately if they were on a different floor from the child who had exposure and had no contact with that child at any point
2. return to MTB immediately if they have no Covid-like symptoms and have a negative Rapid Antigen or PCR test done within 48 hours of contact with the child who had exposure if they are on the same floor / in the same class
3. return to MTB after 3 days following exposure to the child at MTB, under the condition that they are asymptomatic and the child in question has not tested positive in the interim.

Note that the above options become void for children who are in the same class as the child who was initially exposed if the PCR test result for the child is positive. In that instance, all children in the same class and all siblings of the child will also have to be quarantined for 10 days from the date of exposure at MTB.

If any child/siblings or parents within the household display Covid-like symptoms, parents are please asked to keep the enrolled child(ren) at home and get tested as soon as possible.

Positive cases require a 10-day quarantine period as outlined above and a negative PCR test result prior to returning to school. Additionally, should a child start displaying Covid-like symptoms at school, parents will be notified to collect the child immediately and asked to have the child tested.

**Asymptomatic means no fever, no runny nose, no coughing, no sore throat, no shortness of breath, no fatigue, no loss of appetite, no nausea or vomiting, no headaches, no diarrhea. **

Parents are required to sign the waiver below if they elect one of the options above to ensure that MTB is not held liable should a child contract the virus while at school.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of being exposed to and possibly contracting COVID-19 for myself and/or my children while they are in attendance at Maria Teresa's Babies. I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Maria Teresa's Babies and its owners and staff in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my child's attendance at MTB. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

Date of possible Covid exposure at Maria Teresa’s Babies _____

Name of my children enrolled at Maria Teresa’s Babies (please list first and last names below)

Acknowledgment

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Print Name

Signature

Date