

COVID-19 Measures

Wexford Children's Center has always been committed to the health and safety of the families who entrust their children's care and education to us. In response to Covid-19, the following protocols and policies were implemented to our existing health & safety program.

Screening Procedures and Drop-off & Pick-Up Policies

- **All Children and Employees** entering the building will have their temperatures taken when they arrive at the center.
- Parents will drop-off and pick up their children from the designated entrance and not enter the classroom.
- Teachers will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness, which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.

Sick Policies

- Should any child or employee become ill at the center, they will be sent home. Absences will be closely monitored and those who have been ill cannot return to the center until they are fever-free for 24 hours. Any child who becomes ill at the center will be separated from the other children and must be picked up within one hour.

Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

- Children are required to wash hands at drop-off, each time they return to the classroom, after toileting, before and after lunch, and as directed by our staff.
- Staff must routinely wash hands each time they enter a classroom, assist in diapering, and whenever they become soiled.
- Frequently touched surfaces (for example, tables, door handles, toilets, and sink handles) are cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected multiple times per day.
- Toys, iPads, and shared objects are disinfected between use. Items such as soft or plush toys that are not easily cleaned have been removed from our toy rotation.
- Toys for each room are on an every-other-day rotation and will be sanitized through our high temperature commercial dishwasher.
- Existing air-handlers have been upgraded to MERV-13 filters. Additionally, portable HEPA filters with ionization have been installed in classrooms as suggested by [ASHRAE](#).

Face Masks

- Staff are **required** to wear cloth face coverings. Children 2 years old and older are **required** to wear a face covering as described in the [Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings](#), unless you fit one of the exceptions included in Section 3 of the Order.
- If a child is outdoors and able to consistently maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from individuals who are not a part of their household, they do not need to wear a mask.
- If a parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place a facemask covering safely on the child's face, they should not do so.
- If a child 2 years old or older is unable to remove a face covering without assistance, the child is not required to wear one.

Social Distancing

- Parent-teacher communication will be directed to telephone conversations if necessary.
- Seating and bedding (head-to-toe positioning) will be spaced six feet apart, if possible.
- All field trips and extracurricular activities are suspended.
- All parent gatherings are temporarily suspended.
- Nonessential classroom visitors and volunteers are not permitted

Monitoring Children and Staff Health

In the event a parent, child, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19:

- Local health officials and licensing will be notified.
- The individual will not be permitted into the center until cleared by their physician or as directed by our local health agencies.
- The identity of the individual is strictly confidential, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Those who have had close contact to a person confirmed positive will be notified and directed to call their physician, stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, and to follow CDC guidelines if symptoms develop.
- All classrooms utilized by the person with COVID-19 will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected per CDC guidelines.