

## Covid-19 Protocols / Pandemic Procedures



Some of the additional protocols we have put in place throughout the center to minimize the potential exposure to Covid-19 are listed below. We want you to know that we are doing all that we can to protect our center during this unprecedented time!

- Pick up and drop off take place outside of the facility, to reduce the number of individuals entering the facility.
  - Please ring the doorbell (near keypad) and we will come out to meet you.
  - Temperatures will be taken at drop off.
  - All children's hands will be washed (babies) or sanitized when entering the building.
  - We will sign the children in and out to limit possible transmission via the pen and clipboard.
- We will have a much lower threshold if we suspect a child is sick in requiring that child be kept at home or sent home. Children will be sent home if they have:
  - **ONE** Diarrhea above normal for that child and is not related to a change in diet or medication
  - **ONE** Vomit
  - Fever at **100.4°F**
  - Harsh cough or shortness of breath
- Children sent home will not be allowed to return until they are symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours
- Sick children will be removed from the classroom and quarantined in the office until a parent arrives.
- **We are asking that you:**
  - Keep your child home if there is a chance that they could be sick.
  - Notify us if your child or you have had contact with someone who is currently being tested for COVID-19 or who has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
  - Use hand sanitizer (located by the front door and baby room) if you enter the building.
- Teachers are wearing face masks throughout the day to reduce the risk of potential spread from people who may be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic. This is done with caution and removed if any child shows signs of fear or uneasiness.
- A health check including temperature taking will be performed on anyone entering the building (therapists, DHS, law enforcement, maintenance, etc.). In addition, visitors will be required to wear face masks, and apply hand sanitizer.
- We are cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting throughout the day as well as every evening.
- We use an **Electrostatic disinfectant sprayer** that will kill and disinfect bacteria and viruses. The Sprayer uses an electrostatic charge to wrap around all surfaces and objects providing 3X more coverage than traditional sprays.
- We have an outside cleaning agency that comes every two weeks to do a more in-depth cleaning.
- We have removed or limited cloth and plush toys in the classrooms which cannot be easily cleaned and sanitized.
- We have reduced class sizes, which allows for social distancing. In addition, we are keeping children in the same small group and with the same staff each day to reduce the likelihood of potential exposure.
- We have adjusted sleeping positions, so children are head to toe during nap.
- We are serving all meals and snacks on individual disposable plates (versus family style).
- Children have labeled sippy cup lids and water bottles.
- We are enjoying fresh air and outside play more frequently as weather allows.