

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Safer Practices and Sick Child Policy Amendment – COVID-19

During this difficult and stressful time, we at Community Preschool, want you to know that we value the safety and wellbeing of you and your child(ren). For this reason, we ask that you take time to read through the following statements that we have put into place to help keep everyone healthy and safe. We commit to taking all precautions toward keeping children and staff safe and healthy, including the current time of the COVID-19 outbreak. Following this additional sick child policy will help us do this.

- **If you meet any of the following criteria, please do not enter our facility and do not pick-up/drop-off a child at our program:**
 - Older than 65 years old,
 - Pregnant,
 - Have underlying health conditions, including those with compromised immune systems or respiratory conditions like severe asthma,
 - Have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath),
 - Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or
 - Have returned from travel from anywhere outside of the US.
- Sanitize your hands in our outer entrance area each time you enter our facility.
- When picking up or dropping off a child(ren), please wait in our waiting area and a teacher/staff person will assist you. We also ask that you practice “social distancing” (6 feet) at all times.
- If your child becomes ill while in our program, you will be asked to pick-up your child within one hour of the program contacting you. Please have plans in place to ensure you or a designated person is available if this should occur.
- Please be sure that we have your most current contact information as well as the most up to date emergency contact information.

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Children will be monitored for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 daily.

Children will be asked to stay home or return home if any of the following applies:

- Have a fever of 100.4 or higher
- Have had a fever of 100.4 or higher or other potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath or persistent dry cough, within the last 72 hours
- Have come in contact with others who have COVID-19

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Children with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to others with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home
- Children who develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19 while at the program will be immediately separated from others and the program staff will contact the family member and/or emergency contact to pick the child up

- Children and staff will practice handwashing upon arrival to the program, before meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, after nose blowing or assisting a child with blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Cover cough and sneezes with tissues, throw tissues in the trash, and clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water is not readily available).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks

If an enrolled child or employee tests positive for COVID-19:

- The local public health department and the Department of Children and Families Bureau of Early Care Regulation will be contacted. Community Preschool will follow their guidance for next steps
- The program will post and notify families of any confirmed staff or child cases of COVID-19
- If there is a case of COVID-19 among children or staff, we may consider a short-term (less than 1 week) or long-term (two weeks or more) closure to allow for sufficient cleaning and disinfection. Our decision to stay open or to close will be based on recommendations from our local health department.

Returning to a child care facility after suspected COVID-19 symptoms

If a staff member or child has symptoms of COVID-19 or is in close contact of someone with COVID-19, they can return to the child care facility if the following conditions are met:

- If an individual has a fever, cough or shortness of breath and has not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they can return to the center no sooner than 72 hours after the fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms get better. If the person’s symptoms worsen, they should contact their healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19.
- If an individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must remain out of the program for a minimum of 7 days after the onset of first symptoms. They may return under the following conditions:
 - If they had a fever: 3 days after the fever ends without the use of fever-reducing medication AND there is improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
 - If they did not have a fever: 3 days after they see an improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

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I, _____, parent/guardian of, _____,
Print parent guardian name here Print child(ren) name here

have read and agree to abide by the **Safer Practices and Sick Child Policy Amendment – COVID-19** until

further notice. I agree that I will not give my child fever reducing medications that could mask a fever.

I agree that I will notify the center immediately, if my child who attends the center has come in

contact with anyone testing positive for COVID-19.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____