

# COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

## Safer Practices and Sick Child Policy Amendment

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:**

- Have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.);
- Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 10 days;
- **Are waiting for a covid test result.**

When picking up or dropping off a child(ren), you must **practice “social distancing” (3-6 feet) at all times and you and your child must wear a mask BEFORE entering our building.** Provide extra masks for your child to use as needed.

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.

### Sick Child Policy Amendment: COVID-19

It is your responsibility to monitor your child for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 daily.

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

- Has cold, flu, covid and/or other known possible contagious virus/disease symptoms as stated in the Handbook
- Has or have had a fever of 100.4 or higher (may return after child has been 24 hours fever free WITHOUT fever reducing medicine)
- 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 coughs 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 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 (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 with someone with COVID-19, they can return to the child care facility after we receive and share the recommendations from our local health department. The virus variants are changing as are the recommendations.

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 tests positive or has come in contact with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19.

I understand that my child will wear a mask covering their mouth and nose, both inside the school and outside the school (playground or blacktop area), during the school’s operating hours, with the exception of snack, lunch, and nap time.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_