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Early Education Center

COVID-19 Health & Safety Policy

Information and guidance have been given by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The goal of each agency is help early education centers navigate what is best practice "when feasible". These guidelines are recommendations that are subject to change daily and have often been contrary within the agencies; thus, these are new waters and our plan is to tread safely and realistically.

1. Parents and children are required to utilize hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
2. Parents are required to wear masks when dropping off and picking up their children.
3. Belongings from home, apart from naptime items, are not permitted to accompany your child.
4. Temperature checks are required of your child upon arrival. Any child with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted to attend. A child is required to be fever free for 72 hours before being permitted back to our center.
5. Teachers have masks available to them. It is mandatory for them to wear them throughout the day. Teachers are required to have their temperatures taken upon arrival.
6. Gloves are worn to diaper change, to assist children in the bathroom, to serve lunch, and to wipe noses.
7. Daily classrooms are thoroughly disinfected prior to use and after use. Regular sanitization/disinfection procedures take place throughout the day.
8. At this time, shared space like the gross motor room, will not be utilized.
9. To the best of our ability, children remain in one classroom from drop off to pick up times.

10. To the best of our ability, we do not exceed groups of 10 in our toddler classrooms and groups of 15 in our preschool through school age classrooms. Within those groups, we break up into smaller primary caregiver groups.
11. Children two years and up are encouraged to wear masks while indoors.
12. It is not realistic to social distance children for a variety of reasons. Naptime space is increased as well as lunch time space; however, children within the classroom are permitted to play together.
13. Employees who prepare and serve lunch wear masks and gloves. In addition, when possible, we serve meals and snacks that are individually packaged.
14. Groups of children outside at one time are limited, and playground times are not shared by multiple age groups.
15. If a child and/or family member tests positive for COVID-19, families will be notified. Following a diagnosis, the Pennsylvania Health Department will then provide guidelines and do contact tracing that our center will be required to follow.

Keep in mind, our goal is to provide your child with a safe and healthy environment where they can thrive educationally, socially, emotionally, and spiritually to their fullest potential. As guidance changes, you will be informed. If you have any questions, please ask. Attached are the recommended CDC guidelines for child care centers.