



COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

- Any individuals that enter the building are required to be screened for elevated temperature when they arrive at the center. Should any employees become ill at the center, they will be sent home.
- Parents will be permitted inside the building; however social distancing and face covering protocols will be implemented and parents are not permitted inside the classrooms and are asked to drop off and pick up at the classroom doors.
- Vendors and visitors will not be permitted to enter the building unless absolutely necessary (food and supply vendors) and will be screened and required to sign an attestation.
- Our staff members will closely supervise all handwashing. 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.
- Face masks or coverings are required to be worn by parents and staff members at the center. Children 2 years and older are required to wear a face covering as they enter/exit and move around Center and then until they are settled into their classroom for the day. For safety reasons, children under the age of two will not be permitted to wear a covering of any kind. Individuals unable to meet this requirement will not be permitted to enter the facility. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- In the event a household member of either a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, the child or staff member will not be permitted to return to the center for 14 days or as directed by our local health agencies.
- In the event a parent, child, or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, they will not be permitted into the center until cleared by their physician or as directed by our local health agencies. Any individuals that had direct contact with the individual will be notified and must quarantine. The areas that the individual came into contact with will be cleaned, disinfected and sanitized.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, classrooms and/or spaces that the individual who tested positive occupied will be closed and aired out for 24 hours as recommended by the CDC. The classroom will then be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized by a professional cleaning service before re-opening.

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Exclusion Criteria during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Any child or staff member who becomes ill at the center must exit the Center within one hour and may not return to the Center until they are symptom free for 24 hours and have been released by their primary care physician or local health authority. Center policies regarding child absences remain the same, and tuition credits are not provided.
- In the event of a positive test within the Center, staff and children's families who had direct contact as defined by the CDC (**prolonged exposure for more than 15 minutes within 6 feet without both parties wearing a mask**) will be notified immediately and must follow CDC guidelines requiring a quarantine of 14 days. Center policies regarding child absences remain the same, and tuition credits are not provided.
- Due to the increased frequency of COVID-19 testing Care-a-lot will only be notifying staff and families of positive test results.
- Children, Parents and Staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may not attend the center and must remain at home according to our center health policy and any questions regarding questionable COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the DOH and/or the CDC.

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