

Enhanced Procedures for Health and Safety Updated 8/2/21

All staff will wear masks when in the building, except when eating/drinking and during rest time when they are six feet from others. Our staff will not be required to wear masks when outside and six feet from others.

Currently, we are asking all parents and visitors who are unvaccinated to wear masks when in the building.

Parents will be asked to conduct health screenings prior to drop-off with the following questions:

Has your child, **in the last 72 hours (3 days)**, had a fever of 100 degrees or higher or two or more symptoms of illness (fever, chills or severe shivering, muscle aches, weakness, headache, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of smell or taste, vomiting, or diarrhea)

* If yes, please do not plan to bring your child to care today.

Has your child, **in the last 24 hours**, had chills or severe shivering, muscle aches, weakness, headache, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of smell or taste, vomiting, or diarrhea?

* If yes, please do not plan to bring your child to care today.

Has anyone in your household had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

* If yes, we will require that your child not attend for 14 days from the date of last contact.

Has your child been in a high-risk region in the last 14 days as identified by KDHE in the following document: [Kansas Travel Related Quarantine Table](#)

* If yes, we ask that your child not attend for 14 days from their departure from that location.

Screening questions will be reviewed with revisions as needed.

If we are concerned that a child looks unwell or feels feverish, we will take the child's temperature upon arrival.

If a child begins showing any of the following symptoms, they will be sent home: fever of 100 degrees or higher, diarrhea, vomiting.

Staff will be asked to review the same health screening questions above.

Staff are asked to maintain the suggested 6-foot social distance as much as possible.

Staff will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and after using the copiers and computers. Staff may remove masks during rest time if they are able to maintain 6-foot social distance from others.

Wearing a mask provides protection to others from particles that may be in the air from breathing, speaking, coughing, sneezing, etc. when closer than 6 feet from each other, and handwashing/hand sanitizer provides protection from contact or touching surfaces.

Children will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival.

We will be cleaning doorknobs and light switches in the common areas during rest time.

Teachers are asked to clean (with a disinfectant wipe) doorknobs and light switches as well as wipe down restrooms as an extra precaution several times a day (mid-morning, rest time, mid-afternoon, before leaving).

We will allow more than two-foot (6-feet when possible) between cots. We will place cots so that children rest "head to toe" rather than "face to face".

Children will have an opportunity for daily outdoor play in the morning and afternoon, weather permitting.

To promote air circulation, we will open windows whenever weather permits or when children are out of the area.

We will set aside toys children have placed in their mouths or otherwise contaminated, until they have been cleaned and sanitized. (We will have a “toys to clean container” in a visible place.)

Sinks and restrooms will be stocked with plenty of soap and paper towels.

Boxes of facial tissues and waste containers for used tissues will be placed throughout the building and in places readily accessible to children and staff.

Children will be encouraged to spread out during story and circle times.

Commonly shared items and touched surfaces like doorknobs and light switches will be disinfected several times a day.

Diapering regulations (see Diapering of Children in Child Care) will be strictly implemented.

All are reminded that one of the most effective precautions used at this time is to routinely/frequently wash hands.

- **Wash your hands (and have children wash hands)** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a shared space or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.