

## What we are doing for you to reduce the spread of COVID

Dear families here is the list of measures we are taking to curb the spread of COVID. Many of these measures were already in place before this COVID but now we have listed them for you.

- We are currently continuing to require that each family entering and leaving the center washes their hands...both children and parents with soap and water for the length of 2 happy birthday songs ie. at least 30 seconds.
- We are currently cleaning all highly touched surfaces 3 times per day or as needed.
- We are cleaning each toy after it is used and then replacing it. We will do this by placing the toy in a bin or the art sink after it is used and then bleach spraying it and then returning it to general use after it is dry.
- We will be staggering your child's lunch time as well as making sure there is more space in between each child during lunch and snack
- We have removed and will not use any shared activities such as play dough and water/sand tables.
- We are reducing the times children spend indoors by increasing their time outdoors.
- We are asking the parents that drop off their children to not enter the classrooms and practice social distancing in the hallways
- We are also asking families to please wear a face mask when dropping and picking up their child. Please bring your own personal face mask from home. If you are unable to wear a face mask or have forgotten to bring this please call us at the front desk for assistance with your child entering or leaving the program.
- We are currently asking only the teachers to sign a child in and out of the rooms.
- We are currently not using the nap rooms as they are a small space but instead are using the main classrooms for napping.
- We are napping the children head to foot and foot to head etc.
- Where this nap staggering system is not possible, we have installed plexiglass dividers. These dividers are cleaned after each nap time.
- All of the cots/cribs are bleached after each nap time
- All of the changing tables and toilets surfaces are bleached after each use.
- There will be one muddy buddy assigned to each child for the days use. This muddy buddy is washed at the end of each day.
- We are currently not allowing parents into classrooms. Parents must drop their child at the door to the classroom with the help of the room teacher.
- We are currently not taking more than 4 children aged 3 to 5 into the washroom at a time in the large middle washroom.
- We are currently not taking more than 1 infant or toddler to the washroom at any one time,
- We are currently washing all grocery items with soap and water and or bleach spray for the packages before use.
- We are currently covering each lunch for each child with plastic wrap. We have also cancelled the family style lunch and will only allow the teacher to pass out any extra food asked for. Teacher will use a spoon or gloves used only for this food service time.
- We are in discussion with health regarding the safety of the children using our daycare vans. Should they wear masks? Should the driver wear a mask?
- We are in discussion with health regarding our field trip program for the summer months. Can we attend the field trips if we provide our own washroom and hand washing facility? I.e. such as camping toilets and enclosures and water and soap for hand washing.
- Can we attend the field trips if we sit apart from the general public? Can we attend the field trips if we wear face masks in the vans?
- If we are unable to use the vans for field trips, we can then do walking trips each day and or sprinkler play in the play yard etc.

We are currently updating this list daily as needed.