

COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

We are committed to meeting the highest standards in early childhood education, using health and safety guidance given by the CDC, the Midland Health Department and the Texas Health and Human Services Child Care Licensing Standards. It is important to understand that during a pandemic, no facility is completely free of the possibility of contracting an illness, including COVID-19. While your child(ren) attends our program, your family accepts the possibility of exposure to illnesses, including COVID-19. We are committed to reducing the risk of infection from COVID-19 and other illnesses in our facility in the following ways:

1. Parents are responsible for monitoring the health of their child(ren) before sending them to school each day. If symptoms or signs of illness appear, students are to remain home. Giving your child a fever reducer before school exempts them from attending school. Students will be screened upon arrival and monitored throughout the school day for the following symptoms, (though not limited to):

*Fever/chills *Cough *Shortness of Breath *Congestion/Runny Nose *Rash *Headache *Sore Throat

2. If signs or symptoms of illness appear during the school day, the parent will be called to pick up their child. The child will be in the school office until the parent arrives.

****If a staff member or a child has fever, cough or shortness of breath and *has not* been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they may not return to school until 24 hours after the fever is gone AND symptoms subside or they have been released from a doctor's care.**

****If staff, a child, or family member has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 OR has tested positive themselves, the ECP Director should be notified. The staff, child or family member should not come to school for 5 days if they are asymptomatic or symptoms have subsided (including being fever free for 24 hours without the help of a fever reducer), or 10 days if symptoms persist.**

****Staff and any other adults entering the building will follow the 5 day quarantine with wearing a mask for 5 days while at the ECP.**

****It is recommended that students wear masks after the 5 day quarantine for 5 days while at the ECP.**

Staff and families will be notified of positive cases at our school per Child Care Licensing and the Midland Health Department. It is the parent's responsibility to monitor their child(ren) for symptoms. If symptoms develop, do not send your child(ren) to school and follow the above procedures.

The Midland Health Department and/or CCL may notify the ECP as to other quarantine procedures, which will be passed on to the ECP Families.

3. All classrooms including materials, tables, and frequently touched surfaces, will be sanitized throughout the school day by teachers and staff. This is a practice that has always been done at the ECP and we will continue to do so.

4. Each classroom has access to handwashing facilities. Staff will continuously wash their hands throughout the day. Students will continuously practice the development of good hygiene skills with frequent handwashing.

****We must all do our part to maintain a safe and healthy child-centered learning environment.**

Please read and sign the next page to acknowledge you have received this updated guideline. Thank you for your flexibility and grace as things may change throughout the school year.

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By signing this page, you as the parent/guardian of an ECP student acknowledge that you have received an updated guideline on COVID-19 and will monitor the health of your students before sending them to school, as well as notify the ECP director of any positive cases of COVID-19.

Parent Signature

Child(ren) Name(s)

Date