

## **COVID-19 Action Plan**

Children and staff shall be excluded from the program for a minimum of 48 hours symptom free if they have a fever of 100.4 F or higher. If they display the following symptoms they will be monitored and if required request the child be seen by a doctor:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a child becomes ill while at daycare they will be isolated to an area of the daycare home where they can still be easily supervised, but where they will not be able to continue to spread the illness. Parents will be immediately contacted and asked to pick up their child within 30 minutes. If a staff member becomes ill the staff member will be asked to move to an area within the daycare home where they can maintain at least a 6 foot distance from others. All parents will be called to pick up their children within 30 minutes and the daycare will close. The daycare home will then remain closed until the staff are symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours and they are able to reopen the daycare. Once the ill child or staff member has left the area in which they were present will be cleaned and disinfected.

If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member:

- The areas used by the sick person will be closed off.
- Outside doors and windows will be opened to increase air flow within the area.
- The daycare home will wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning or disinfecting to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.

- All areas such as the bathroom, playroom, and common areas used by the sick person shall be cleaned and disinfected.
- If more than 7 days have passed since the sick person used or visited the daycare home then additional cleaning and disinfecting is not necessary, and routine cleaning and disinfecting will continue.
- The staff member or child who tests COVID-19 positive will remain excluded from the home until the Illinois Department of Public Health or local health department states, in writing, that the communicable, contagious or infectious stage of the disease has passed and that the child or staff member may be readmitted to the day care home.

If any communicable disease or condition has been introduced into the child care home parents and guardians will be notified in writing within 24 hours of a confirmed communicable illness.

Temperatures shall be taken of providers, employees, household members, children, parents, guardians, or other authorized person picking up and dropping off children each day BEFORE arrival to a daycare. Individuals with a temperature of 100.0 degrees or above shall be excluded.

Licensee shall supply personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees and children (if not provided by the family), including face masks, gloves, etc. Licensees, employees, and household members shall wear face masks while on site when tolerable and children ages 2 years and up shall wear a face mask, when tolerable, throughout the day except when napping, eating, or outdoors. PPE for children shall be stored in their individual cubbies so as not to cause any cross contamination.

#### **Communication Plan**

Written notification will be provided to parents or guardians within 24 hours of any confirmed COVID-19 exposure.

Upon any confirmed infection or exposure to COVID-19 the Licensee will notify the local DCFS licensing office immediately by telephone and in writing.

If there is a suspected or known case or carrier of communicable disease within the daycare home the Licensee will immediately report this information to the local health authorities and local DCFS Licensing office in compliance with IDPH's rules for the control of communicable diseases.

### Arrival and Departure Plan

To keep our students and staff safe and healthy, families, staff and visitors should run through the list of questions below before leaving home each day.

# For fully vaccinated individuals

Has the individual experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours?

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or nausea
- Diarrhea
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose

Is the individual waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

Has the individual tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?

If the individual answered YES to any of the questions above, please stay home.

## For Non-Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Individuals

Has the individual experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours?

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or nausea
- Diarrhea
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
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Has the individual been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days (i.e., within six feet for 15 minutes)?

Is the individual waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

Please Note: This does NOT include the routine COVID-19 testing happening in CPS schools.

Has the individual traveled to any state marked orange on the Chicago

Department of Public Health (CDPH) Travel Advisory map in the past 10 days?

Has the individual traveled internationally to a moderate, high, or very high-risk location in the past 10 days?

Has the individual tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?

If the individual answered YES to any of the questions above, please stay home.

### Enhanced Sanitation Procedures to Ensure Safe Space

Cleaning and disinfecting will be increased to hourly during hours of operation for frequently touched items including: doorknobs, toys, phones, and frequently touched surfaces.

All equipment shall be cleaned and disinfected daily with a germicidal solution approved by the CDC

Each child shall have their own crib or sleeping arrangements, not to be interchanged. All sheets shall be cleaned and laundered daily. Bedding will be changed when soiled. Children shall not have masks while sleeping.

### **Enhanced Handwashing Protocol**

Licensee, employees and children will wash hands in accordance with CDC guidelines, including before and after contact with household members.