

## **Daily Health Checks and Sick Policy**

All staff and children will undergo a daily health check before entering the school. We ask that all parents allow 6 feet of distance or remain in cars while waiting for health checks. Health checks will be performed with all the necessary personal protection equipment. Daily health checks and all sick policies will apply to both staff and children. Health checks will include:

- A temperature check with a non-contact thermometer
- Any child or teacher with a fever of 100.4 F may not enter the school
- We will ask parents to confirm that their child has not experienced COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell
- We will ask parents if anyone in their household has experienced any COVID-19 symptoms or recently been tested, been advised to be tested or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 (regardless of the result).
- We will make visual inspections for any signs of illness which include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, fatigue or extreme fussiness.

We will monitor children throughout the day for any signs of illness. If your child develops a cough or fever or any of the symptoms above, we will immediately notify the parent. **To reduce the transmission of illness, your child will need to be picked up within 1 hour of the notification call.** Your child will be kept comfortable and away from other children until they are picked up.

Following guidelines from ACPHD and ACOE if your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms they will need to be isolated at home for 10-14 days.

Any student, teacher, or staff member isolated at home with COVID-19 symptoms requesting to return to school earlier than the 10-14 day isolation period, must meet all of the following criteria:

- Their symptoms are improving (symptoms do not have to be completely resolved) AND
- They have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines, AND
- A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided AND
- A medical evaluator (a doctor, nurse practitioner, or certified physician assistant) will need to provide a letter indicating that (1) the symptoms are NOT due to COVID-19. AND (2) the COVID-19 test was negative, BUT
- If it is not possible for the parent to consult a medical evaluator, **they must obtain a COVID-19 negative test result indicating that a molecular test or PCR was performed.**

We are asking for full transparency from all families. If your child has a fever of 100.4 F, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, we ask that your child remain at home and for parents to notify us immediately.

If any parent, family member, or person that interacts with your child on a regular basis develops these symptoms, has been tested, been advised, or tests positive for COVID-19 please notify the school immediately. Dependent on the situation, we may ask that your child stay at home for 10-14 days or recommend that your child get tested before returning to school.

We ask that we receive follow up from the family as soon as possible.

If the school is made aware of a possible or confirmed COVID-19 case in our school community, general protocol will be as follows:

- We will contact our local public health official, Lisa Erickson, Schools and Childcare Liaison at ACPHD.
- We will notify Child Care Licensing Division.
- We will notify all families, teachers and any persons that have been inside our facility.
- ACPHD will contact the parent, teacher, staff member or child who tested positive to initiate contact tracing.
- ACPHD will inform the school who needs to take what precautions based on exposure.
- Our school may need to help identify adults or children who may have had contact with the positive case. **Close contact is considered: being within 6 feet of the ill individual for more than ten minutes during the time period between two days prior to when the individual's symptoms appeared and the last time the individual was on the school campus.**

We will maintain case confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

### **Disinfection and Sanitization Policy**

Children's Choice Educare will implement a cleaning schedule designed to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for children and teachers. Our school has always practiced diligent sanitizing and disinfecting practices. We will continue to maintain these practices with more frequency throughout the day. We will use cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products appropriate for school settings and that meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s- approved for use against COVID-19 list.

We will routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched, such as door knobs, light switches, sink handles, tables, chairs, mats, and cubbies. Bathrooms will be sanitized and disinfected after each use.

When cleaning, as much as possible, we will air out the space before children are present. Weather permitting, we will introduce fresh outdoor air by opening windows and doors inaccessible to the public.

Children's Choice Educare's central Heating and Air Ventilation system is equipped with MERV (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) filters with a 13 rating, which can trap particle sizes as small as 0.3-1.0

microns. Each classroom also has an air purifier equipped with a combined carbon and True High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter.

We will disinfect and sanitize classroom floors and carpets at the end of each school day. Playground structures will be sanitized between group play times. At the end of each evening, our janitorial crew will disinfect and sanitize classroom floors, carpets, and playground structures with a stronger cleaning product for deeper cleaning.

### **Grouping and Distancing Policy**

Children will be organized in stable groups of 14 children or less and will not mix or change from one group to another. Each stable group will remain in a set classroom. Children will remain in these stable groups for as long as possible throughout the Summer program and upcoming academic school year. ACPHD and ACOE state that social and physical distancing guidelines can be relaxed if children are staying in stable groups lasting longer than 4 weeks.

Outdoor play will be staggered to prevent interaction between different stable groups of children.

We will guide social and physical guidelines with tape and structure classrooms to define individual spaces for children.

ACPHD and ACOE both acknowledge that social and physical distancing guidelines for young children can be very difficult. We will do our best to adhere to social and physical distancing guidelines throughout the entire day.

### **Mask Policy**

Our school policy requires that ALL will be required to wear a mask/face covering upon entering the school and while indoors. Children will not be required to wear a mask/face covering:

- While engaged in physical activities outside (unless specifically instructed by a parent/guardian).
- While eating or drinking.
- During nap-time.
- If he/she has special circumstances such as a particular developmental or health diagnosis that would limit their ability to wear a face covering.

Teachers and staff will support children in taking their mask on and off for nap-time and eating periods.

Please provide a clean mask/face covering for your child to wear daily and an additional mask/face covering to be stored in your child's cubby as back-up.

Currently, Alameda County and Child Care Licensing Division has stated that children, 2 years to second grade age (8 years), in childcare/school are encouraged to wear masks, but not required. Given our experience with children, we know that it may be difficult for children to wear masks all day during school hours. We will do our best to support and manage children with their masks/face coverings.

All teachers and staff will be required to wear masks/face coverings while on site at all times.