



Early Learning Center Reopening Plan: COVID-19

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COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough (dry cough, no runny nose)
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Heavy nasal congestion (drowning feeling)
- General or other breathing/respiratory difficulty
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Staff and children are asked to stay home if not feeling well or if experiencing any of the above symptoms. Children and employees who report to work or school ill will be sent home in accordance with health guidelines and will be asked to follow up with a doctor if necessary.

Screening Children/Staff Upon Arrival

Upon arrival and before entering the facility, all children and staff must have a screening and temperature reading. A staff member will do a visual check of the individual coming into the building and will verify that the individual, nor members of their household, have any of the listed symptoms for COVID-19 as provided by the CDC. Next, temperatures will be taken with an infrared, no-contact thermometer and may not exceed 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Anyone with a temperature that reads 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to enter and will need a doctor's note in order to return. Once verified that the child/ staff is fever free and is not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, they may enter the building. For children, a staff member will take the child to his/her classroom.

*****At this time, no visitors, including parents, will enter the building beyond the front lobby unless they are providing a service due to an educational or behavioral plan.*****

FACE MASKS IN THE CENTER

ANYONE entering the building including adults who bring a child to the center or pick up a child must wear a mask. Otherwise, they will not be permitted to enter. For the time being, **parents may not enter the center beyond the entrance lobby.**

Staff must wear a mask **or** face shield during the workday.

Children 2 years or older are required to wear a mask. Staff will be reasonable about what they can expect the children to do and will encourage them to keep the mask on, but children will not be forced. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies or children younger than 2 because of the danger of suffocation.

Social Distancing Guidelines

Shared spaces such as the multipurpose room will be closed to children.

The playground schedule will be revised to stagger times and prevent classrooms from mixing groups. The younger classrooms will utilize the green, fenced area for gross motor play. Balls, trucks, bubbles etc. may be taken out to use during each classroom's scheduled time but **MUST** be brought back in to be cleaned and disinfected. The playground will be used by the older children and School age classrooms. Equipment will be disinfected before the next group uses the space. All frequently touched areas including railings and door handles will also be cleaned and disinfected between use.

While initially prohibited, van transportation is running **only on a limited basis** with a *maximum* of four children per van. Assigned seating will be in place along with all screening and enhanced disinfecting protocols in place for those being transported. This service is only available to our Family support program at this time and vans are currently not being used for field trips for any age group.

Social distancing in the classroom will take place through small group activities, individual/labeled supplies, special meal, and nap arrangements will be made to provide the greatest amount of space between children.

Mixing of children or groups will be limited.

Disinfecting Guidelines

All classrooms and staff are taking every precaution possible to ensure that materials and items are disinfected properly. Surfaces and frequently touched objects are routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected throughout the day. Toys are disinfected throughout the day.

New schedules have been created to increase disinfecting protocols and laundry.

Furthermore, the Early Learning Center building is cleaned and disinfected every night by a professional cleaning company.

Suspected or Confirmed Positive COVID-19 case

In the case of a positive or suspected positive case of COVID-19, St. Martin Early Learning Center will follow ALL protocols set forth by the County Health Department, Dr. Levine's orders, and DHS. Anyone experiencing symptoms or suspected symptoms will be sent home immediately and will be required to provide medical documentation to return to the center. If a child or staff was at the center when the symptoms occurred, the classroom will be closed for 24 hours and disinfected before returning to use. *Confirmed positive cases will be reported to all necessary entities.* In the event that there are multiple confirmed positive COVID-19 cases simultaneously at the Early Learning Center, the center may close for cleaning and disinfecting for up to 72 hours.

***** Please be aware that this document is liable to be revised/updated at any moment because of the ever-changing nature of COVID-19. *****