

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

We are looking forward to seeing the children. Below I have listed several of our new protocols that are in place for safety. Please help us by adhering to these protocols. We want this to be a positive and wonderful reunion and are working to eliminate risks and stressors for everyone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. If I don't know the answer, I will find an answer for you.

1. We will be open from **7:30 am until 5:30 pm**. This allows time for additional cleaning and screening of the faculty before and after the program. Your child(ren) will be expected on their regularly scheduled days when they return.
2. Any medications that you had with us before school closed must be brought back to school. Please check expiration dates before returning. Medication consent forms expire every six months. If you need it filled out again, please do so before returning. The written medical consent form is on the OCFS website. No exceptions will be made.
3. A teacher/ staff member will greet you and your child(ren) at the door to the building. Please park and enter on flagpole side of the building. You must be masked when you enter the lobby of the building.
4. Please plan to pick up between 12:15-12:30 and 5:15-5:30 by pulling up to the circle. There will be two teachers in the front lobby. One teacher will go to the classroom to pick your child up and bring them outside to you. Please remember to wear a mask at this time.
5. **PLEASE ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL TIME AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP.**
6. The teacher will conduct a daily health check and take your child's temperature. If your child's temperature is 100 or above, you must take him/her home and keep him/her home until 72 hours fever-free without medication. If s/he is exhibiting any symptoms of a viral infection including cough, sore throat, trouble breathing, or looks ill, s/he will not be admitted. While we realize that it is allergy season, it is not possible for us to make that medical decision so your child will not be permitted at school. If symptoms present during the day, you will need to pick him/her up with in a ½ hour. If anyone in your household is under quarantine, keep your child at home.
7. **Parents are not permitted into the classroom wing.** A teacher will escort your child to the classroom and return him/her to you at the end of the day with all belongings.
8. **HOME TOYS MUST STAY HOME.**
9. **Children should not bring backpacks to school.** Please send in an extra set of clothing (seasonally appropriate) and sweatshirt or light jacket that will remain here. Items should be in a ziplock bag and labeled with your child's first and last name. Full day children will also need nap gear. Do not send in any blanket that needs to go home with you at the end of the day.
10. Classes will be combined according to age group based on attendance. As much as possible, teachers who know the children will be assigned to each group. Class size is limited.
11. Teachers will wear masks throughout the day, and use other personal protective equipment to limit the spread of any illness. It is impossible to practice social distancing with this age-group.
12. Toys and equipment that are not easily disinfected will be removed from the classrooms. A limited number of toys and manipulatives will be out for the children's use at a time, allowing for sanitizing throughout the day.
13. The pool is not open. We will have sprinkler play outside.
14. There will be only one class on the playground at a time, and surfaces will be sanitized between groups. There will be no school gatherings, events in which classes are together, swimming, group water play, field trips or special visitors.

If there is a confirmed case on COVID-19 here, we will inform you and the Health Department. It is likely that they will close the center for at least 2 days. As always, please let us know if you have any questions. These are new procedures for everyone and we thank you for your patience.

Stay Safe,

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