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Guidelines & Expectations of Health

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Based on guidelines established by the CDC & LARA

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Child_Care_Re-Opening_5-21-20_-_FINAL_691941_7.pdf

CLOTH MASK REQUIREMENT :

Children will be required to bring a face mask to school each day. Breakaway lanyards will be provided in order for children to remove masks and wear safely around their necks. We understand that young children may be unable to wear a cloth face covering properly, particularly for an extended period of time. Therefore, we will prioritize times when it is difficult to social distance (e.g., standing in line to go outside, large/small group times). Children will not be forced to wear a mask at any time. The staff at ELC understands child development and particularly the social and emotional development of young children and are prepared to respond to a child's emotional response to masks. Teachers are required by executive order to establish (and consistently enforce) a policy on when staff members should wear cloth face coverings. Staff members will not wear masks outside and will wear them inside when they are in close proximity to children.

HEALTH EXPECTATIONS :

Early Learning Center will be doing daily prescreening checks on all staff and students including a temperature report. Any individual with a fever over 100.4 will be excluded from school. A general guideline is to keep your child home if they are experiencing any illness symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, and/or fever. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicine) before returning to school. All children must be up to date with their immunizations. If a child becomes ill during school hours, the child will be isolated. You will be called and asked to pick up your child from school promptly.

COVID-19 REPORTING :

All families and staff members will be responsible to report to the director by phone if anyone living in their home has tested positive for COVID-19, has knowingly been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has traveled out of the country or to a national hotspot with wide community spread in the last 14 days. If any of the items listed are present, you will be asked to keep your child home and quarantine for 14 days.

If an individual in a classroom is identified with a positive test for COVID-19 the classroom will be closed, cleaned and everyone in that classroom will be quarantined for 14 days initially. The local health department will be contacted for guidance and best practices.

HEALTHY HANDWASHING HABITS:

Staff will educate children on healthy handwashing habits. Hand sanitizer will be safely used when it is appropriate such as before entering the playground at drop-off. All children and staff will wash their hands with soap and water at the following times:

- Arrival to the facility and after breaks
- Before and after preparing food or drinks
- Before and after eating or handling food
- Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
- After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
- After coming in contact with bodily fluid
- After playing outdoors or in sand
- After handling garbage

BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS:

Early Learning Center's guideline is that children are 2.5 years old and potty trained before coming to school but we understand that accidents happen. Please have an extra set of clothes in a large Ziploc bag and place it in their school bag in case of an accident. If child has a bowel movement in their clothes, parents will be called to the school to assist.

CLEANING:

Early Learning Center will be diligent about daily cleaning and disinfecting. Due to Covid-19, there will be no soft toys in the classroom. All toys will be items that can be wiped down after use. In addition, there will be no community sensory table where germs can easily spread. Toys, light switches, door knobs, sinks, and stair railings will be cleaned daily. Tables, chairs, toilets and outdoor equipment will be cleaned after each use.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP:

To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, drop-off and pick-up will happen outside of the school building and classrooms will have staggered times. Please do not enter the school building unless it has been discussed with your child's teacher. We are asking individuals to please wear a face mask while on school grounds.

PREPARE FOR WEATHER :

Our classrooms will be outside daily for extended periods of time. Be prepared for all weather conditions (sun, rain, snow) and have appropriate outdoor attire. Please send a labeled water bottle for your child to use during outside time. Sunscreen and bug spray should be applied before coming to school.