

# DAY CARE CENTERS, INC.

## COVID-19 PREVENTION POLICIES

**SCREENING** - All individuals that enter the building are required to screen themselves before arriving. Their temperatures should be taken and they need to answer key questions regarding their health and possible exposure to Covid-19. If an individual becomes sick at the Center, they will be sent home.

**ADMITTANCE** - Parents/Guardians are currently permitted to enter the facility but may not enter the classrooms. They drop their children off at the classroom door after staff ask if you've answered "NO" to all the health screening questions including possible exposure to Covid-19.

**VISITORS** - Visitors, including prospective new families may enter the building but need to make an appointment. The mask mandate may change as we progress through "low, medium, and high" categories of disease transmission. During "low and medium" transmission levels, masks are optional. During "high" transmission, masks are required for anyone 2 years of age and older while in the facility. Social distancing of 3 to 6 feet from other individuals is still recommended. We also have a Virtual Tour located on our [website by way of video](#). Vendors (food and supply vendors) may enter the building but must follow the current masking policy and socially distance from others.

**HANDWASHING** - Handwashing is closely supervised. Upon arrival to the Center children can use hand sanitizer then wash their hands with soap and water once they enter their classroom. Children also wash their hands after toileting, before and after eating, when they return to their classroom after being outside, and as directed by staff.

**FACE MASKS** – Face masks are required to be worn by parents/guardians, staff members, and children 2 years old and older (children under the age of 2 do not wear masks) when Montgomery County is considered in a "high" transmission period. During "high" transmission times, visitors, staff, and children are to wear their masks, covering their mouth and nose at all times while at the Center, but currently do not need to wear them while outside. Staff and children may take their mask off while eating and drinking during mask requirements. Children will take off their mask while napping.

### **COVID-19 Positive Tests**

In the event a household member of either a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, the child or staff member will not be permitted to return to the Center for 10-14 days or as directed by our local health agencies.

In the event a parent, child, or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, they must quarantine for 10-14 days and will not be permitted to enter the Center until cleared by their physician or as directed by our local health agencies. Any individuals who had *close contact*\* with the

infected individual will be notified and must quarantine for 7-10 days or as directed by our local health department. The areas that the individual came into contact with will be cleaned and professionally disinfected.

Individuals who are completely vaccinated for COVID (2 weeks past their booster shot or original series [5-12 year olds], and those who have tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days) do not need to quarantine, but must wear a well-fitted mask at all times, both inside and outside.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test, classrooms and/or spaces that the individual who tested positive occupied will be closed and aired out for 24 hours as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The classrooms/spaces will then be deep cleaned and professionally disinfected before re-opening. All classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, stairwells, etc. are disinfected daily after each use by a different group and are professionally disinfected weekly regardless of positive cases.

### **CLASSROOM CLEANING/SOCIAL DISTANCING ROUTINES**

Classrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily. All toys used by a child are immediately placed out-of-play to be cleaned and disinfected. Children are encouraged to socially distance themselves from each other during play. Only two (2) to four (4) children may play at a center at any given time. Children and staff are grouped in pods and do not mingle with any other group. There are hallway, stairwell, and bathroom schedules in place to avoid having groups pass each other or end up in the same space. Outside areas are also assigned to specific groups.

#### **\*Close Contact –**

- Exposed to COVID-19 patient or presumptive patient while being investigated without PPE for any period of time within 6 feet
- Exposed to COVID-19 patient or presumptive patient while being investigated with PPE for longer than 15 minutes of time within 6 feet

DCCI will continue to confer with appropriate agencies regarding Center closures due to COVID-19 illnesses within the Center and community. These policies and protocols are subject to change as new information is disseminated by the CDC and DOH.