

Newport Assembly of God Child Care COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan

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Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed:

Linda Finkenbinder: Acquire all sanitizing and disinfectants needed to ensure a healthy and safe environment for all students.

Nancy Kerlin: Provided cloth face masks for the staff to use.

Introduction:

During this time we understand that extra health and safety precautions become necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In child care it can be difficult to maintain social distancing but we must strive to . All staff, parents, and children will make sure to strictly adhere to the outlined policies, procedures and other aspects of the outlined plan.

Masks:

- All staff are required to wear a cloth mask or other mouth covering at all times, with the exception of eating, drinking, and other areas that allow them to maintain social distancing from other people and children.
- All masks will be provided to the staff by the center. Cloth face masks were donated to the staff
- Children are encouraged but not required to wear a mask. We will support the parents that choose for their child to wear a mask. The children will be taught to properly take off and put on a mask when social distancing is not permissible.
- Signs will be placed around the center to remind staff and adults how to properly wear masks.

Pick-Up and Drop Off Procedures:

- All staff will be trained via in person instruction how to properly do check in and out procedures, as well as how to operate the temporal thermometer.
- All parents were notified via email and person about all changes to drop off and pick up procedures.
- No parents are permitted inside the building.
- All pickup and drop off will be conducted outside on the covered porch. There will be disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and other cleaning aids to keep a clean station.
- The children and staff will undergo a health check and questionnaire before being permitted to enter the building.
 - The parents will be asked the following questions:
 - Have you traveled outside of the state?
 - Any sore throat, cough, fever, etc.
 - Come in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 ?
 - Are you living with anyone not feeling well?
 - Anyone with a fever greater than 100.4 will not be admitted into the center.

- Before entering the children (over 2 years old) and staff will use hand sanitizer to wash hands until they can access the sinks located in men's and women's bathrooms.
- Parents are asked to limit the items that their students bring to the center to only those necessary.
- All infants will be transported to their classroom in their infant care when applicable.

Classrooms:

- All classrooms will be limited to 10 students when feasible.
- The same staff will be placed with the same children every day.
- Children will be encouraged and taught to give their peers and staff as much distance as they can within reason when in the classroom.
- Each child will have their own art materials to use in a container labeled with their name.
- All bedding will be kept at the center in their individual cubby and laundered weekly with the use of the center's washer and dryer.
- All cots and mats will be sprayed with a disinfectant/sanitizing spray after each use.
- Weather permitting: The classrooms will try to spend as much time outdoors as possible for learning activities, gross motor etc to promote as much social distancing as possible.
- All lunches, snacks will be conducted within the classroom instead of traveling to other areas of the center.
- The classrooms will be laid out so only 1 or 2 students will be able to be in a center at one time. This is also done in a way that does not hinder proper supervision of all students.
- The children's temperatures will be taken around lunch time to ensure that they are still healthy enough to be at the center.
- Continue to teach children about inside the elbow, coughs and sneezes.
- All soft toys (pillows, stuffed animals etc.) have been removed from all classrooms, as they are not easily cleaned and disinfected as other "hard" surfaces.

Handwashing:

- Handwashing for all children and staff will take place regularly. For example: when moving to one area to another, before and after meals, after coming in from outdoors, when arriving etc.
- For infant/toddler care: Staff will wash their hands before and after: bottle preparation, feeding and diapering of the children.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation:

- Regular and aggressive sanitizing will take place everyday.
 - All toys that were used/touched by children will be disinfected before being allowed to be used the next day.
 - All high touch surfaces (door knobs, tables, handles, etc.) will be wiped with disinfecting wipes every hour.
 - Should our regular sanitizing and disinfectant products become unavailable we will use CDC recommendations for dilution of Clorox/Water Ratio.
 - All available windows in classrooms will be opened when permissible to allow fresh air to be circulated within the center.

- No water fountain within the center will be used. Each child will have their own cup or water bottle to use for drinking purposes.

Quarantine States:

- If a staff, student or family member has traveled to a state on the following list, they will be asked to quarantine for 14 days without symptoms of COVID-19 before their child will be allowed to return to the center.
 - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

Ill Child While In Care:

- The child will be removed to an unoccupied room within the building.
- A teacher will sit with the child until a parent/guardian can pick the child up.
- ALL children that are sent home with a fever greater than 100.4 will be excluded from the center for 72 hours. In order to return after the 72 hour window the student must be fever-free with no fever reducing medicine.

Visitors, Child Care Tours etc.

- No outside visitors for the center will be allowed in during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Child Care Tours may be offered via ZOOM video conferencing and pictures.

Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in the Center:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a staff member or student. The center will be shut down for a minimum of 48 hours to ensure that the building can be properly cleaned and disinfected before the students return to the center.
- In the event of a positive case within the center the Department of Health as well as Licensing through the Department of Human Services will be notified immediately.
- All families and staff will also be notified of the positive case and alerted the center will be closed the next few days to allow for sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Positive COVID-19 cases will not be allowed back in the center until all symptoms have subsided, medical professional approval, or a negative COVID-19 test.