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Covid 19 Enhanced Protocols
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Goal: Minimize/Eliminate the introduction/spread of Covid 19 in SSSCC Community.

Enhanced Physical Distancing Measures

Check In

- Parents & children must wear masks when exiting cars.
- Parents are not allowed inside the building.
- During morning check-in, families are greeted in the playground where they are to maintain 6 ft. of physical distancing from other families.
- Children stay with their parents during this time.
- Staff member takes child's temperature with no contact thermometer.
- Staff member conducts screening asking if any recent exposure to Covid, health of other family household members, and signs of illness with child.
- Any child with any recent exposure to COVID, signs of illness in them or a member of the household, or a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter the building and may not return until fever & symptom free for a minimum 72 hours.
- Staff member performing health screening, will call child's teacher on walkie talkie to come and take child inside.

Pick up

- At pick-up time, a staff person will be present on the playground to greet parents and call into the center via walkie talkie for the child(ren).
- If no staff member is visible, parents are welcome to call the center and a staff member will assist you.

Items from home

- Items going back and forth between school and home should be limited as much as possible. Everything should be clearly labeled with the child's name and be in a sealed plastic bag. **Diapers & wipes** can come in their original packaging or in sealed plastic bags. **Naptime items** should come in at the start of the week and will go home at the end of the week for cleaning. Cot sheets can be provided
- Children should not bring toys or other items from home unless they are absolutely necessary for the child's well-being (security blanket, stuffed animal, etc.- these items do need to be washed weekly.).

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Healthy Environment

- Children will remain with their classmates and teachers throughout the day; separate from others as much as possible.
- Cots are spaced out as much as possible and children are placed head to toe for naps.
- Staff disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, faucets, toilets seats and handles routinely with the last disinfection taking place at closing time.
- Toys that cannot be washed are not used.
- Staggered use of Playground, Big room, and Library. Disinfection of space will take place between group use.
- Staff have access to hand sanitizers and disposable gloves and use them as needed.
- Staff wash their hands and children's hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds often, particularly upon arrival, before and after eating, after diapering or using the toilet, after playing outdoors and following any contact with bodily fluid.
- Teachers will wear masks whenever social distancing may not be maintained. Clear face shields are an option for situations where it is preferable for the children to see the teacher's face. Smocks will be provided.
- Children age two or older are encouraged to wear face coverings, when feasible and provided by the parents.
- No program tours are given until further notice to reduce the number of visitors in the building. Outside activities and visits by specialists are also suspended to reduce the possibility of cross contamination among childcare programs.
- SSCCC has one bathroom with 4 toilets and 1 changing table (Pooh Bear use) for all children.
- Walkie Talkies will be used to check on availability of bathroom (avoid mixing of children). Frequent disinfecting of bathroom high touch areas (faucets, light switch, toilet seat and handle).
- Child care program staff returning to work and children returning to care after having a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 should have a note from their health care provider documenting that they have been released from isolation and may return to work or care.

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Meal Preparation and Service

- All surfaces are disinfected before meal preparation and feedings using EPA approved disinfectant products.
- All staff wash hands before and after meal preparation.
- Each child's meal is plated and served by staff.
- Children do not share eating/serving utensils.

Child Health

- Staff receive education on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventive measures to ward off the spread of COVID-19 and other related illnesses.
- Children who start to experience symptoms of respiratory illness, including a fever of 100.4 or above and symptoms of other infectious illnesses while at child care are isolated on a cot from other children until they can be picked up.
- All program field trips are suspended.
- Each child's belongings are separated and in individually labeled storage containers or are taken home each day and cleaned.
- Adequate supplies are available to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc.) or are limited to use by one group of children at a time and cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Sharing of toys, books, other items is discouraged if unable to clean and sanitize/disinfect.

Staff Health

- Staff receive additional training and updates as necessary.
- Staff do not share their phone, devices with one another or children.
- Staff notify the Director if any signs of illness develop during the day (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing and other respiratory symptoms like fever, chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell).
- Staff wash their hands immediately upon entering the program and immediately prior to leaving.
- Staff are not allowed to work if they are feeling ill, or experiencing respiratory symptoms or if someone in their household has COVID-19 symptoms or screens positive for COVID-19.

Emergency Communication & Closure

- Families supply the child care program with up-to-date emergency contact information for their child(ren) and ensure at least 1 parent is reasonably accessible at all times and able to pick up the child(ren) in the event of illness.

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- In the event that someone in the School community shows signs of COVID-19 or gets a positive test result, the School will call the County Health Department & the MSDE Office of Child Care. The Health Department will review the situation and advise the School about procedures to follow, and if necessary, the length of closure of the facility and any quarantine requirements for staff, children & families. Parents will be notified of any such directives.
- SSSCC will use the Remind App to get emergency messages to families and staff in a timely manner.

Current Resources

[CDC Interim Guidance for Child Care Programs](#)
[CDC Child Care Center Decision Tree](#)

[MSDE OCC Enhanced Guidelines for Child Care Facilities to prevent spread of Covid 19](#)

[Child Care Program Closure Guidance](#)

[Interim Guidance for temperature and health screenings](#)

[CDC Guidance on how to protect yourself and others](#)

[CDC Guidance for Businesses](#)

[CDC Guidance for Child Care Centers that remain open](#)

[General Sanitation Guide for Child Care.](#)