

Families Policies and Precautions: COVID-19

We hope you and your family are well and staying safe. We are excited to return to the center to be with your children. We have attended many online discussions regarding the CDC procedures for childcares. Our staff are aware of the procedures and are ready for the new normal. Please read the below policies and precautions.

It is very important to keep your child(ren) home when they are sick. Please be on the alert for signs of illness in your children. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: fever of 100.4⁰ (38.0⁰C) or above, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness. This list is not all inclusive. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, rash or diarrhea. Families must inform Schoolhouse Learning Center via phone/email if their child or anyone in their home had direct contact with someone that has tested positive to Covid-19.

Throughout the day, please be attentive to phone calls, Tadpole and email messages. If your child is sick and we cannot reach you, we will call the people on your child's emergency pick up list for them to pick your child up. If your child is ill, it is expected of you to pick up your child immediately.

Drop-Off Procedures

- Parents will not be able to enter the building for drop off or pick up. If parents need to talk to the director or any other staff member it should be done via Tadpoles, email or phone to allow social distancing. We will make teachers available to keep families updated and to answer or address all the needs of the children in our care.
- It is **MANDATORY** that parents /guardians wear a mask when dropping off and picking up their child.

SELLERSVILLE AND TRUMBAUERSVILLE

- Parents and children will stay in their cars while forming a line at the front door. Parents shall call the center when they arrive in parking lot. "Drop-off staff" will stand by the first families' vehicle and ask the parent if the child/household member has been in close contact with a person or child testing positive for COVID-19. The child(ren) will not be admitted to the center if contact was 10 days or less. They will also ask the parent if the child has a cough, shortness of

breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. If they answer, “yes”, to any of the questions above, the child(ren) may not attend the center. The drop-off staff will take and record the child’s temperature and the individuals in the car using a no-touch thermometer. If **everyone** passes the temperature and health check, the staff will take the child’s lunch and the child(ren) will exit the vehicle. The “drop-off escort staff” will wash their hands after escorting the child to their classroom.

- We will exclude children with a fever of 100.4⁰ (38.0⁰C) or above and respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, fast breathing).

SOUTHAMPTON

- Parents will pull up to the front door with the passenger side facing the front entrance door. Parents shall call the center when they arrive in parking lot. Parent car line will be in effect from 6:30 am to 9 am and at pick up from 4 pm to 6 pm. If you come between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, you will need to call the office to inform them that you are there to drop off/pick up your child as there may not be a staff member waiting at the door.
- Stay in your vehicle and the “drop of staff” will ask the parent if the child/ household member has been in close contact with a person or child testing positive for COVID-19. The child(ren) will not be admitted to the center if contact was 10 days or less. They will also ask the parent if the child has a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. If they answer, “yes”, the child(ren) may not attend the center. The drop-off staff will take and record your child’s temperature and the individuals in the car using a no-touch thermometer. If **everyone** passes the temperature and health check, the staff will take the child’s lunch and be escorted into the building.
- The “drop-off escort staff” will wash their hands after escorting the child to their classroom.
- We will exclude children with fever of 100.4⁰ (38.0⁰C) or above and respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, fast breathing).

WARMINSTER

- Parents will pull their vehicle in front of the building with their **driver side** facing the front door. Parents and children will stay in their cars while forming a line at the front door. Parents shall call the center when they arrive in parking lot. The first vehicle will turn their car off, exit their vehicle and stand on the porch. The “drop of staff” will ask the parent if the child/household member has been in close contact with a person or child testing positive for COVID-19. The child(ren) will not be admitted to the center if contact was 10 days or less. They will also ask the parent if the child has a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. If they answer, “yes”, the child(ren) may not attend the center. The drop-off staff will take and record your child’s temperature and the individuals in the car using a no-touch

thermometer. If **everyone** passes the temperature and health check, the staff will take your child's lunch and be escorted into the building. The "drop-off escort staff" will wash their hands after escorting the child to their classroom.

- We will exclude children with a fever of 100.4⁰ (38.0⁰C) or above and respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, fast breathing). If your child has a rash, your child will need a doctor's note stating that they are able to return to the center.
 - *Symptom-based strategy.* Excluded from center until:
 - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
 - *Test-based strategy.* Excluded from center until:
 - Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **and**
 - Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized COVID-19 molecular assay for detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA from at least two consecutive respiratory specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
 - Doctor's note stating that your child can return

Pick Up Procedures

- Upon your arrival, follow the steps for arrival and a staff person will bring your child out to your vehicle at the designated pick-up location. Please wear a mask when picking up your child.

Handwashing and Disinfecting

- Schoolhouse Learning Center will take every precaution for your child to stay healthy.
- Consistent handwashing and cleaning of the center will be preformed many times during the day. Child will be required to wash their hands additional times a day. This may cause a child's hands to become more raw than normal. We ask that you use lotion on your child's hands nightly to help keep the child's hands from becoming raw.
- Children should arrive in clean clothing.

Illness During the Day

- Out of abundance of caution, we will be more aggressive with our sick policy. We will be watching for low grade fevers, excessive coughing and any signs of not feeling well.
- If your child has been at home sick and returns still exhibiting signs of illness, we will send your child home and require a doctor's note stating they are not contagious before they return to care
- If the child is showing any Covid-19 symptoms, they need to pick up ASAP-no longer than 1/2 hour wait.
- If your child is three-years-old or older, they will be asked to wear a mask.

Masks

- **Staff are required to wear masks throughout the day** except for eating and drinking.
- We are not requiring children to wear masks. It has been found that it is counterproductive because children touch their face more when they are wearing a mask.
- The CDC states that cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.

Nap Items

- Nap items (sheet and blanket) will be washed by SHLC staff and they will stay at the center.
- If your child does not have a sheet and thin blanket, please bring one to the center. Please write your child's name on them and place them in a disposable plastic bag. Plastic bags will not be sent home.
- Infants may bring in binkies that will be left at the center and they will be kept at the center.

Lunches

- Lunch should be brought in a zip top or plastic bag **with the child's name**. Place individual food in sandwich bags (**each labeled with your child's name**) or other **DISPOSIBLE** container. Please do not send in food in containers. Containers will NOT be returned. Plastic bags will be discarded and not sent home.

- Infant & Young Toddler (**Warminster and Tville-Toddlers, too**) children may bring in sippy cups **labeled with your child's name**. Schoolhouse Learning Center will provide throw away cups in the other classrooms.
- Water bottles will not be allowed.

Bottles

- **Tville: Parents will bring in prepared bottles every day and the empty bottles will be returned each night.**
- **Sville: Parents will bring in empty bottles and formula/breast milk. Bottles will stay at the center and the center staff will make the bottles.**
- **Warminster and South: Parents will bring in empty bottle each morning and the staff will make the bottles at the center. The bottles will go home each night to be washed.**

Toys

- Children may not bring toys from home into the center
- Backpacks, toys, stuffed animals may not be brought to the center

Extra Clothes and Diapers

- Children will need extra clothes in a disposable plastic bag. Bags will not be returned. Please **label the bag with your child's name**.
- If needed, please send extra diapers in a disposable plastic bag. Bags will not be returned.

Additional Sick Policy Information

Children with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can leave home under the following conditions**:

- **If your child has not had a test** to determine if they are still contagious, they can return to the center after the following things have happened:
 - Your child has had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever **without** the use of medicine that reduces fevers)**AND**

- other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- **If your child has had a test** to determine if they are still contagious, they can return to the center after these things have happened:
 - Your child no longer has a fever (**without** the use of medicine that reduces fevers)
AND
 - other symptoms have improved (for example, when their cough or shortness of breath have improved)
AND
 - Your child received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow [CDC guidelines](#).
 - Returns with a doctor's note stating that your child can return

Children who DID NOT have COVID-19 symptoms, but tested positive and have stayed home (home isolated) can return to the center under the following conditions:**

- **If they have not had a test** to determine if they are still contagious, they can leave home after these things have happened:
 - At least 10 days have passed since the date of your first positive test
AND
 - They continue to have no symptoms (no cough or shortness of breath) since the test.
- **If they had a test** to determine if they are still contagious, they can return to the center after:
 - they received two negative tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow [CDC guidelines](#).
- Return with a doctor's note stating that your child can return

Note: if your child develops symptoms, follow guidance above for children with COVID19 symptoms.

In all cases, **follow the guidance of your doctor and local health department. The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Some people, for example those with conditions that weaken their immune system, might continue to shed virus even after they recover.

Quarantine

- If the child(ren) or anyone in their household visits the states that are mandated by PA to a 14 day quarantine, upon their return, they may not return to the center for 14 days. This has been mandated by the state and we are certainly following

the recommendations. Please let the director know if your child will not be attending the center.