**Hours of Operation:**

**7am-5:30 pm Infants/Toddlers**

**7am-5:45 pm 2’s-PreK**

**7:30 am- 5:45 pm School Age**

**Monday - Friday**

**Guidelines for Families**

**As we continue to monitor the Alameda County Public Health Department guidelines, which are approved by CA State Licensing, we will be making a few changes effective August 1, 2022.**

**ALL parents must sign a Waiver and Release Form before child (children) are enrolled.**

**Please review the following revised guidelines during the hours of operation for currently enrolled families which allows us to provide and maintain a safe environment for our children and staff.**

**Hygiene and PPE:**

* Children will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds before and after meals, upon entering classrooms and after sneezing or coughing.
* Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, but teachers are strongly encouraged to wash their hands.
* Children will be encouraged to wipe their own noses and cough inside of their elbow.
* Bathrooms will be sanitized after each use.
* Face masks are highly recommended, but not required indoors/outdoors.
* Teachers will be required to wash their hands frequently, including but not limited to, coming into direct contact with a child, before and after feeding, before and after diaper changes.

**Property Sanitization:**

* Additional sanitization measures will include a nightly cleaning of each classroom and a monthly deep cleaning of all carpets.
* Each classroom is equipped with HEPA air purifying systems, and windows are kept open, when possible, for ventilation.

**Meals, Napping, Group Activities, and Classroom Setup:**

* Children will be offered two snacks per day and parents will be required to bring a lunch for their child.
* Children will be allowed to sit at tables together but prohibited from sharing food with one another.
* Children will nap on their designated cot, spaced 6 ft apart and families (2’s- Pre-K) will bring their own sheet and blanket from home. Bedding will be sent home each Friday to be washed.

**Health Screening:**

* Teachers will do a visual wellness check upon arrival.
* If a child presents two or more symptoms, they will be brought to an area of isolation until a parent is able to pick up. The child will not be able to return to the Children’s Center until symptoms are improving for 24 hours, can provide a note from their physician allowing them to return or a negative COVID test (regardless of vaccination status).
* Any child who has a fever of 100 or higher will be excluded from the facility and not able to return to the Children’s Center until they have been fever free for 24 hours without any medication and can provide a negative COVID test or note from their physician allowing them to return (regardless of vaccination status)..
* Please refrain from giving children Tylenol as this will affect our ability to assess the child’s health.
* If a sibling is sent home for an illness, we recommend both children to stay home until the child with symptoms has been cleared for group care, however if sibling is fully vaccinated they can continue to attend as long as there are no symptoms.

**COVID testing information:**

* + While PCR tests are strongly encouraged for testing, FDA approved at home tests will also be accepted for children over the age of two. At home test results must be uploaded to CDPH and PDF attachment sent to the Children’s Center for documentation: [**https://my.primary.health/l/cdphcbootc**](https://my.primary.health/l/cdphcbootc)or

[Test Your Student Flyer (ca.gov)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Toolkits/schooltesting/Test-Your-Student_Flyer.pdf)

* Children under the age of two are strongly encouraged to have a PCR test however, the Children’s Center will accept other tests performed at a lab or clinic.

**Quarantine Guidelines for unvaccinated children:**

* If your child has come into contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep your child home. If possible, please have your child take a COVID-19 test on day 5 or later after being exposed. The child may return on day 6 with a negative test. If you are unable to have your child tested, please complete a ten-day quarantine before bringing your child back to group care on day 11. Please confirm all dates with the administrative team. If you have a sibling in another classroom, they can continue to attend if the exposed child and sibling remain symptom free.
* If your child was exposed to someone living in the same household, they will be cleared when the positive household member is cleared from quarantine.
* If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, please consult your pediatrician to determine dates of exposure and when the first day of quarantining begins. Children are required to complete a 10-day quarantine and may return on day 11. \***We will not accept a shortened quarantine for positive cases due to the inability to enforce diligent mask usage for young children.** Siblings of a positive case will not be cleared to return until the positive case has completed their quarantine. If a pediatrician recommends an extended quarantine for the sibling, the strictest rule governs.

**Quarantine Guidelines for fully vaccinated children:**

* If your child is fully vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination. Your child will not need to quarantine if they come into close contact if they remain symptom free.
* If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, please consult your pediatrician to determine dates of exposure and when the first day of quarantining begins. Children are required to complete a 10-day quarantine and may return on day 11. \***We will not accept a shortened quarantine for positive cases due to the inability to enforce diligent mask usage for young children.**
* Siblings of a positive case will be cleared if the positive case and sibling test negative on day 5 to return on day 6 (the positive sibling will still need to complete a ten day quarantine, but we will accept shortened quarantine for vaccinated siblings that test negative on or after day 5).

**Traveling:**

* Children that are not vaccinated, will be required to take a COVID test 3-5 days upon returning from international travel. Children may not return until they receive negative COVID test results and are symptom free. Testing upon returning from domestic travel is recommended, but not required at this time.

**Drop off & Pick up:**

* Parents will drop off and pick up inside their child’s classroom.
* Please limit the amount of time spent indoors for pick up and drop off. Should you need additional time to check in with your child’s teacher, please schedule an appointment.
* School Age children may walk themselves back to the classroom without an adult. School Age teachers are authorized to sign the School Age child in.
* Parents will sign their child in and out at the entrance of their child’s classroom
* Parents must maintain social distancing.