



EMSISD Child Care Additional Health and Safety Measures for 2020-2021

Screening and Prevention:

- All employees will wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth).
- Visitors will be required to wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth).
- Staff will self-screen at home and respond according to district guidelines.
- We will communicate with parents and staff regarding importance of keeping children home when they are sick.
- Limit access to the center by planning alternate ways to celebrate special event days to avoid large gatherings.
- Outside vendors may not enter the building, unless necessary as part of child care operations.
- Childcare providers will serve meals. No family style meals.
- Students will have individual boxes for craft supplies.
- Students over age two will wear a mask to and from their classroom.
- Students over age two will have frequent opportunities to practice hand hygiene.
- Infant childcare providers will use a clean barrier such as disposable clothes between each child when burping and feeding.

Social Distancing Strategies:

- Limit the mixing of staff and students by assigning support staff to certain classrooms.
- Children remain with the same group throughout the day with the same childcare providers when feasible.
- Staggering playground times and keeping groups separate for special activities such as art, music, and exercising.
- Ensure that children's naptime mats (or cribs) are spaced out as much as possible, ideally 6 feet apart. Placing children head to toe in order to further reduce the potential for viral spread. Disinfect nap mats after each use.
- Restrict the use of water and sensory tables.
- We currently operate under minimum standards for class sizes and ratios for infants, toddlers and 2s. For 3s-4s the one care giver ratio will be modified to 1 to 10.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Allow a 30 minute gap in between groups for sanitation in the playroom
- We currently have a cleaning and disinfecting schedule. We will increase the frequency to include cleaning in between each group activity.
- Follow all other standard procedures for cleaning and disinfecting

Morning Drop off:

- **Curbside-** Child care staff will assist with outdoor drop-off during designated times. Parents will pull up to the designated curbside space, get students out of the car and sign-in the child using the Tadpoles system. We will use non-contact thermometer to verify temperature, and students will step to hygiene station for hand sanitizer and then enter the building with staff assistance.
- Additional staff in the building will be sure that children get safely to the classrooms.
- The few that drop-off outside of the designated time will check in at the school office (as usual) and office staff will handle health protocols in accordance with district guidelines.

Afternoon Pick Up

- **Curbside-** Child care staff will assist with outdoor pick-up during designated times. Parents will pull up; notify the staff member assigned to pick-up, sign-out the child via Tadpoles.
- Staff in the building will safely assist the student to their parent.
- The few that pick up outside of the designated time will check in at the school office (as usual) and office staff will handle health protocols in accordance with district guidelines.

Training:

- All childcare providers will complete required health and safety training related to COVID-19 through the Texas A&M AgrilLife extension.
 - Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Emergency Child Care Settings
 - Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19