



## Additional Precautions to Safeguard our Children, Families, Faculty, and Staff

- Ratio is restricted to 10 or less depending on age group, excluding the teacher(s) and groups can be doubled, however every effort must be made to keep in same 2 groups of 10 or less throughout day. In some cases, **this may require a temporary change to your child's assigned classroom.**
- CLASSROOMS will be designated for use by an age group, and while such an age group may combine 3s and 4s (for instance), these defined pods/age groups will never combine with other age groups like they previously did the beginning and end of the day.
- Because social distancing is difficult to accomplish in a childcare setting, we have identified techniques and strategies to promote the benefits of social distancing as much as possible:
  - Classroom arrangement will promote individual play and social distancing.
  - We are providing numerous opportunities for individual learning, within each group of ten, intended to distribute children within a learning space.
  - We are staggering playground time
  - We are eating meals separately in classrooms
  - No sharing of group spaces such as Station Square, Dining Car, the Village Green, etc.
- Faculty and staff working in the building are supplied with the PPE of masks and gloves.
  - Gov. Abbott has repeatedly used the words “while in public” when referring to the wearing of masks. Because everyone must pass screening to enter the building, and because we fear that masks may be off-putting to some children, we are not requiring masks to be used in the building at this time. It is the teacher's option to use, and it is recommended when up close contact must occur.

# FACE MASKS IN OUR SCHOOL

## STAFF

- Staff supplied with PPE (masks and gloves)
- Masks not required for staff since we are screening at the building entrance and some children may find them off-putting
- Masks recommended when close contact occurs



## CHILDREN

### Children under 2

- No face mask permitted

### Children 2+

- At parent's discretion
- Should be able to put on/remove by themselves
- Must be able to refrain from excessively touching the mask/their face
- No masks while sleeping or during meals
- Masks sent home every day in a paper bag provided by the parents



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- There are additional infection control measures beyond our normal diligent processes:
  - Water fountain usage is discontinued.
  - Continue our normal diligent handwashing routines, and increasing observations of handwashing in action. Diligently (but gently) coaching children on correct procedures.
  - Regular health checks of children are completed throughout the day to check for symptoms of sickness or fever.
  - Faculty/staff members must inform the nurse and administrative team if they develop any symptoms of sickness or fever while at work.
  - Faculty/staff members and children are encouraged to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Objects and surfaces that are frequently touched, such as doorknobs, light switches, and faucets, must be disinfected regularly throughout the day.
  - Contactless check in/out - done administratively to avoid frequent touching of the sign in/out screen.
  - We will be teaching the children a fun greeting routine intended to replace hugs or handshakes (ex: “jazz hands,” special signal or dance).
  - Temporarily removing dramatic play clothing, soft toys, sensory bins, and materials (e.g. playdough, slime, etc.) from classrooms unless capable of restricting for individual use.
  - We are making efforts to assure children do not share items such as pencils, crayons, etc.