CARE-A-LOT

Covid-19

Parent Policies for opening 6/3/20

A pandemic can have long-term effects on the mental and emotional health of children. Coping with a pandemic can be particularly difficult for children in daycare. In an effort to guard against causing undue stress or confusion to the children in our center, we are going to try to maintain as much of a normal routine and environment as possible.

In an effort to insure that everyone is safe and healthy, Care-A-Lot will be instituting the following policies for our re-opening to occur on 6/3/20.

We are asking that parents please limit the number of parents/guardians to one per child during drop off and pick up.

No outside visitors will be allowed in the daycare. We will accept the child at the door. Parents will not come into the center. At the end of the day you may call us when you pull up in front of the center and we will walk your child out to you.

Children will be monitored daily for Covid-19 symptoms. (See #1 Symptoms of COVID-19) Teachers will wear face masks and teachers and children will be checked for fever daily, before entering their classrooms. These temperatures will be recorded and monitored. No one will be admitted with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Any child exhibiting signs or symptoms of Covid-19 will be isolated immediately and parents will be contacted for immediate pick up. Please make sure you have people on your emergency card that will be able to pick up your child quickly in an emergency when you are not available. Children will not be allowed back into the center after exhibiting these symptoms without a note from the Pediatrician, stipulating they are Covid-19 free.

It is second nature to childcare providers to be aware of the environment and to work to keep it germ/virus free. We are most likely already a step ahead of other businesses and workplaces in their cleaning and disinfecting practices. The following is part of our daily routine:

\*\*As usual, 20 second hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day to stop the spread of germs. At arrival, before departure, before and after meals, after sneezing or coughing, after diapering and potty times, etc. (‘Happy Birthday to me’ song is about 20 seconds long and works well for children to gauge the time of the 20 second hand wash)

\*\*Discussion and reminders not to touch face, nose, eyes and mouth with unwashed hands. Kleenex tissues will be abundant and available at all times.

\*\*Sanitizing of toys and furniture will continue as usual, but will be increased for toys, tables and other things that children frequently touch. We have always used, and will continue to use, (State of Illinois Health Dept. regulations for daycare centers approved) a mixture of bleach and water in spray bottles to clean and disinfect.

\*\*Playground equipment will be sanitized between groups.

\*\*Children and staff will be required to change shoes upon arrival. Please bring in a pair of shoes to leave at the center. Children and teachers will remove ‘home’ shoes and put on ‘school’ shoes upon arrival.

\*\*Children under 2 not required to wear masks. Children over 2 will be required to wear to the extent that it is practicable. Ie: in hallways, when entering and exiting classrooms. Masks are optional for teachers and children during outdoor play.

\*\*We will strictly enforce policies about excluding children who are ill. Please be prepared to make it into our center quickly to pick up your child if we phone to tell you your child is ill.

You are welcome to add names to your emergency card allowing others to transfer your child from school to home. Children will need to be removed immediately if they are showing symptoms.

\*\*We will also be cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, playground equipment, faucets and sinks.

\*\*Sick employees will be encouraged to stay home and staff will also be practicing the hand washing techniques the children will be encouraged to use.

Please see attached information sheet #2 for tips on how to discuss Covid-19 with your child.

By signing my name below, I certify that I have read, understand and promise to abide by Care-A-Lot Early Learning Center policies regarding Covid-19 safety rules.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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