

Child Star Development Center COVID-19

Preparedness and Response Plan

Child Safety is our number one priority!

Child Star Development Center will take the necessary precautions in terms of keeping a healthy and safe environment for both the students and families that we serve. Child Star Development set has already taken the action of getting the facility sanitized and disinfected from Motor City Office Solutions and will continue to receive services on a monthly basis. In order to maintain this clean environment physical space changes must be made.

Child Star Development Center will do the following:

- **Identify a location to safely isolate** individuals who develop symptoms during care. If possible, pick a separate room away from other children where the sick individual can wait until they are picked up.
- **Remove toys and objects which cannot be easily cleaned** or sanitized between use.
- **Limit, or eliminate, use of common spaces.** By dividing large group spaces to allow more children to safely use the space.
- **Rearrange seating** to seat children six feet apart (when possible) and limit the number of children sitting together.
 - o This is especially true for meal times.
- **Using touch-less trash cans** to provide a hands-free way to dispose of tissues and contaminants if they are available.
- **Ensuring ventilation systems operate properly** and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible and Open windows and doors.
- **Monitoring symptoms of COVID-19:**
Child care providers are required to check for COVID-19 symptoms when children and staff arrive. It is recommended that the checks are conducted before children and staff enter classrooms and/or your center/home.
- **Children**
Fever is the **key** indicator for young children. If a child's temperature is above 100.4 degrees, the child should be excluded from care. Cough and/or diarrhea in addition to fever is suggestive of coronavirus.
When children arrive:
 - o Perform temperature checks. Have multiple thermometers available for screening. Thermometers should be cleaned and disinfected between uses

Ask parents:

- Has your child been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19? (If yes, the family should self-quarantine for 14 days.)

- Has your child felt unwell in the last 3 days? (persistent cough, temperature, difficulty breathing, cold, diarrhea and/or vomiting)

- o Visually check the child for signs of illness, including flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.

- Continue to monitor symptoms throughout the day and monitor temperatures when children appear ill or “not themselves.”
- Children with a fever alone, or a fever with a cough and/or diarrhea should be isolated from the group and their parents contacted for prompt pick up. Their parents should contact their primary care physician/medical provider.

Staff

- When staff members arrive:
 - o temperature checks will be Performed when staff arrive. Thermometers will be cleaned and disinfected between uses, following the manufacturer’s instructions.
 - o Screening for cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, change in smell or taste, and diarrhea.
 - o Staff arriving with fever above 100.4 or other symptoms must be sent home.

Families

Families should report possible illness if anyone in their household shows symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, including the child or family members if they or their children experience possible symptoms or have a positive test.

Social distancing, as developmentally appropriate.

Child Star development center will maintain consistent groups with a size of 10 or less in each setting/classroom. Nap time will consist of cots being placed 6 feet apart. Each classroom will be split in order to accommodate the group size recommendations and all students will be consistently with the same caregivers.

To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, limiting the number of individuals within the facility at drop off, pick up, and throughout the day. All infants and toddlers are to enter through the Seven mile door and all preschool/ pre-K students are to enter through the Birwood door.

Hand hygiene stations at the entrance of each door will be available so children and parents can clean their hands.

Staggering arrival and drop off times and plan to limit direct contact with parents staff will meet children at curbside, near the facility, and escort them into and out of the building.

Child Star Development Center will provide disposable shoe covers for parents and visitors entering the building. There will be a Limit to the number of people dropping off or picking up a child to one adult.

Sign in sheets will be placed at each entrance for the appropriate age group. Multiple pens will be available for each parent use.

Ensuring best practices for hygiene (including regular cleaning and disinfecting).

Hand Washing

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food. Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty. If you use hand sanitizer, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Continue to cover coughs with a tissue or sleeve.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

As stated before Child Star Development Center has already taken the action of getting the facility sanitized and disinfected from Motor City Office Solutions and will continue to receive services on a monthly basis. robust cleaning protocols will be used on at least a daily basis for items touched frequently.

Common areas will receive a daily deep clean (for example, sinks, bathrooms, doorknobs, tabletops, and shared items).

- Toys will be cleaned frequently, especially items that have been in a child's mouth. All dirty toys will be placed in the "Yuck" bucket and cleaned and sanitized during down time.
- **Items from Home will not be allowed inside of the center unless they are essential items such as diapers, wipes, jackets/coats, change of clothing, and bottles/sippy cups . Carseats will not be permitted.**
- Use of appropriate safety equipment: Personal protective equipment (PPE) is necessary in many settings to keep individuals safe.

Masks or Cloth Face Coverings: For Staff Members

- Staff members are strongly encouraged to wear face mask while caring for children and inside of the facility. **Provide cloth facing coverings to staff.** By [Executive Order](#), Governor Whitmer has required all employers whose workers perform in person work to provide non-medical grade face coverings to their workers. This includes child care providers. Cloth face coverings, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchiefs, are best.
- **Child Star Development Center will not require** any students to wear mask. However, if the parent would like to provide a mask for their child ages two and older we will try our best to ensure that the student wears the mask at appropriate times. If children do wear masks, parents will need to ensure children can remove the face covering without assistance. Cloth face coverings should never be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

Gloves

It is recommended that providers wear gloves in a manner consistent with existing licensing rules (for example, gloves should be worn when handling contaminants, changing diapers, cleaning or when serving food). Staff members should wash hands before putting gloves on and immediately after gloves are removed. Gloves are not recommended for broader use.

- **Communication protocol for families to report symptoms or a positive test and policies on when children will be excluded from care.**

Child Star Development Center will reach out to families that have not been in care to:

- Determine when they will return to care.
- Discuss concerns or questions families have about returning to child care and how you can address them together.
- Discuss any health concerns/conditions which may make the child at higher risk for complications if exposed to COVID-19.
We will remind families that immunocompromised children and children with chronic respiratory conditions should only return to child care under the direction of their primary care provider.
We recommend that children are up to date with current vaccination schedules to protect from vaccine-preventable infectious disease outbreaks, including influenza.
- If vaccines have been delayed as a result of the stay-at-home order, families should have a plan with their child's medical provider for catch-up vaccinations in a timely manner.
Share New Policies and Expectations
We will review new policies and procedures before a child returns to care and set clear expectations for when sick children must stay home and when they may return.

We ask that all families or members who display symptoms or come into contact with individuals that display symptoms to refrain from bringing children to childcare. We ask that they seek medical attention and return with the proper medical excuses/ clearances.

- **Isolation procedure in case of symptoms or confirmed cases onsite:** All students and staff will be screened at the point of arrival to determine if they are well enough to stay onsite. If it is deemed that they are not able to stay we ask that they seek medical attention and return with a medical excuse or clearance. If a child displays symptoms onsite the child will immediately be removed from the classroom to an isolated area and the parents or legal guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. Any staff displaying symptoms will be asked to leave the facility immediately.
- **Maintaining required staff to child ratios in the event that a staff member(s) becomes ill.**

Before reopening all employees of Child Star Development Center will be tested for the COVID-19 virus. In the event that a staff members comes back positive they will be excluded from the facility to receive proper medical attention. Before returning the staff member **MUST** be re-tested and can only return with a negative test accompanied by a doctors medical clearance.

Child Star Development Center will maintain all state regulated ratios at all times.