

Early Learning Place Guidelines/Requirements for Covid-19

Parents must not enter the preschool to limit exposure of infection in our facility as recommended by the CDC and the State of Texas during a pandemic.

- Please wash children's hands before leaving home.
- Children will be dropped off at designated entry doors daily.
- Parents must maintain space six feet apart from each other at doorways and wear protective masks.

Questions asked daily at drop off:

1. Have you given your child anything to lower a fever in the past 72 hours?
2. Have you or your child been exposed to Covid-19 in the last 3 days? Traveled recently?
3. Have you or your child had a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 3 days?
4. Have you or anyone in your household been diagnosed with Covid-19?

Daily Drop Off Health Checks

A health check will be completed on both the child/children and parent/adult. If either presents with a temperature above normal or signs of a possible illness, the child will be excluded from preschool until symptom free. Children require a written release from a physician to return to ELP.

Illness Exclusion

Children will not be admitted into care if they have the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Runny Nose (is often present in children with Covid-19)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills Repeated shaking with chills Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees
- When children are ill, they must not return to the facility until they are symptom free without medication for 72 hours.
- If your child sparks a fever, you will be notified to pick-up your child within 30 minutes.

Exposure to Covid-19 or Pandemic illness

*Consistent with a Pandemic or COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain **out** of the center for 14 days upon exposure, unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are not associated with COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must not be from a family member. Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness.*

If you or your child is diagnosed with Covid-19 or another Pandemic illness, it must be reported to the preschool as soon as possible. Your child will be permitted to return to the preschool with a physician release and a negative Covid-19 test, to be taken 3-4 days before returning to preschool.

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If your child has a clear, constant running nose or congestion due to allergies, we require a Doctor's release for admittance to the preschool to reduce possibility of contagion of any illness.

If your child has any illness or symptoms of an illness, not associated with the pandemic, they must be symptom free for 72 hours without the aid of medications (no fever or medications that reduce or hide symptoms of illness) and a signed medical release.

We recommend the same parent or caregiver pick up and drop off children daily.

Children will be released, at the end of the day through the same drop off entryway. The same six feet distancing rule/face coverings requirements are applied to all parents at each drop off and pick up area.

Please provide hand sanitizer labeled with your child's name for use during the day. Hand Sanitizers cannot contain methanol. The FDA has reported that methanol (i.e., methyl alcohol or wood alcohol) is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested.

We accept donations of boxes of gloves, hand sanitizer and face masks. Donations help offset the cost of this added expense to the preschool.

Please place all nap blankets and pillows in a large labeled ziplock for storage purposes. Your items will be sent home weekly for washing.

Please provide 2 (Two) clothing changes for your child in case of spills or bathroom accidents during the day to be kept at the preschool.

Privacy of all students with health/Covid-19 illness and exposure will be protected. All parents will be informed of any break-outs that occur in the facility.

Face Coverings are currently required by all adults/visitors at the preschool.

The Early Learning Place is following all guidelines/protocols for Childcare recommended by the State of Texas, the CDC and the local Health Department.

Sanitation

We will reduce germs on inanimate surfaces to levels considered safe by public health codes and regulations. The general goal is to keep objects and surfaces in our facility as clean and free of 'bad' germs as possible, requiring the following on a routine schedule daily:

- *Frequent cleaning AND*
- *Application of a disinfectant and/or sanitizer*

During a pandemic, such as COVID-19, preventing the spread is critically important. Doing so will require intensifying proper cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting efforts. These efforts take extra time and extra cost, please be reassured we will be diligent in our efforts to keep everyone healthy and safe.

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Please sign and date and **initial** the following:

This form must be signed before your child can enter the preschool.

_____ Notice: No policies can cover all situations in a Pandemic. Guidelines are subject to change.

_____ If the State of Texas, FWISD or Dept. of Health requires that schools be closed while preschool is in session, tuition will be paid to current month's end for purpose of maintaining the costs of running the preschool.

_____ I understand that No refunds or adjustments to tuition will be made due to illness or required Covid-19 related quarantine. Tuition must be paid to the current months end. If I choose to drop out of the ELP program and return at a later date, a new supply fee will be required with re-enrollment. Supply fees are not refundable.

_____ I understand that in pandemic situations, supply fees may increase due to the extra sanitation products that are needed for safety purposes. I understand I will be notified in advance of any increases of supply fees or tuition. Donations of gloves, masks or hand sanitizer can help to prevent increases.

_____ I understand that it is safer for the same person to drop off and pick up my child daily. I understand that all adults and children will have their temperatures taken at drop off and documented daily. A temperature of 100.4 of the adult or child will prevent my child from attending preschool. Temperatures are required to be documented daily by Childcare Licensing.

_____ I understand that drop off and pick up are not the appropriate times to discuss my child's progress or concerns with the teacher. The teacher provides methods of contact such as email, texts and phone calls to discuss my child.

_____ I understand that if my child has a fever or any symptoms associated with Covid-19/Pandemic illness during preschool hours, they will be isolated from the other children and must be picked up within 30 minutes for the protection of everyone. All parents will be notified of the reports of Covid-19 exposure and diagnosis at the preschool. Privacy of all individuals involved will be maintained.

_____ I agree to follow safe practices recommend by the CDC and Texas Health Dept. in order to keep myself and others safe from any, and all pandemic infectious diseases.

_____ I agree that I will make healthy choices at all times for the protection of all those concerned and will disclose all information about exposure or diagnosis of infection to the preschool immediately.

_____ I understand that bringing extra unnecessary items from home into the preschool are not allowed during a pandemic and those unnecessary items should remain at home. This does not include items that are considered security blankets for our Tots and Twos classes.

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_____ I understand that lunch boxes and other essential items brought into the preschool should be washed, cleaned and sanitized daily, before being brought into the classroom.

Please initial each item

_____ I understand that that ELP playground is only open during preschool hours. The playground is no longer available before or after preschool for safety purposes.

_____ I have read and understand all the policies required by the Early Learning Place during a Pandemic event.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform all family members or those responsible for pickup/drop-off of my child(ren) about requirements for protection and safety at the preschool, including social distancing, face protection and documented temperatures of adults and children.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to disclose any exposure, symptoms, or testing positive for Covid-19 or any Pandemic illness to the Early Learning Place immediately.

_____ I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the information in the Guidelines for Pandemic/Covid-19 at the Early Learning Place

_____ I understand that social distancing and protective face masks are required for all adults at the preschool.

_____ I understand if my child tests positive for Covid-19 they may return after appropriate quarantine, a Negative Covid-19 test result and a Physician's Release.

_____ ***I understand my child cannot attend preschool until this form has been signed and returned to your classroom teacher.***

Signature_____Date_____

Print Signature_____

Director_____Date_____