

In order to safely and effectively provide care to children, there are a number of policies and procedures that are different or enhanced.

What is social distancing?

Social Distancing is: AVOIDING “close contact” with others. We will do our best to practice social distancing and help children avoid “close contact” with their peers.

“Close Contact” is considered either being within 6 feet of another person for more than 10 consecutive minutes.

How will we maintain social distancing?

- Each child will have their own personal bucket with their own toys.
- Soiled or mouthed toys will be placed in a dirty toys bucket for sanitation each day.
- Bedding will be washed each day.
- Children’s cots will be separated as much as possible and children will sleep head to foot.
- We will promote outdoor activities and play outdoors as much as possible.
- We will be keeping separate cohorts of students and teachers together. There will be no moving teachers from one classroom to the other.
- Adults will be encouraged to wear masks as much as possible and as much as is developmentally appropriate.

What will drop off/pick up procedure look like?

- Parents will not be allowed into the center.
- Families will line up with six foot distance outside the center.
- Parents must wear a mask.
- Drop off should be staggered as much as possible.
- Parents should allocate extra time for drop off/pick up.
- Separate drop off/pick up locations will be used based on age group; (see map)
 - Bunnies and Dragonflies will enter through the North Gate.
 - Bees and Bears will enter through the East Gate.
 - Ladybugs, Lions and Butterflies will enter through the West Gate.
 - West Campus (Cubs, Dolphins, and Turtles) – will line up along the side of the playground gate.
- Once at assigned drop off/pick up location;
 - Staff will take the temperature of each child as well as the parent upon drop off.
 - After temperature is taken, parent will sign child in using their own pen.
 - Staff will call one teacher from the classroom to bring the child into the classroom.

 - For pick up, parents will wait in designated area. (maintaining social distancing)
 - Admin staff will call teacher to bring child out to parent.
 - Parent will sign out using their own pen.

What will the sanitizing procedure be?

- Toys that can be put in the mouth will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. If a toy becomes contaminated, it will be put in a dirty toy bucket and cleaned in a bleach solution at the end of each day.
- Other hard surfaces, including diaper changing stations, doorknobs, and floors will be disinfected with an accepted AND effective disinfectant.
 - Changing stations will be disinfected after each use.
 - Doorknobs and other frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected hourly.
- Adults and children will wash hands for 20 seconds before and after each new activity.
- Playground equipment will be sprayed with disinfectant solution after each group uses the equipment.
- One classroom at a time will use each playground.
- Children's bedding will be washed each day.
- Restrooms will be sanitized after each use – using Lysol or bleach spray.
- Each classroom will be deep-cleaned once per week.

What will meals look like?

- Meals will be individually wrapped.
- Children will be encouraged to sit at a distance or even eat outside when possible.
- Tables will be sanitized before and after eating.
- We will provide lunch and a morning snack. Children should eat breakfast at home.

What will our health policy be?

- Everyone – students, teachers and parents – will have their temperature taken at the beginning of the day.
- No one with a fever of 99.2 degrees or higher will be allowed on-site.
- Teachers will take student's temperature before lunch and after nap. Any student with a fever of 99 degrees or higher will be isolated and parents will be called. Parents must pick up child within 30 minutes.

COVID – 19 Specific Health Policy:

Your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):

- (a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 (for example – close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering); **or**
- (b) Traveled: internationally; or domestically, from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

14 days after the last potential exposure, your household may return **provided these three things have happened:**

- (a) At least 10 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms; **and**
- (b) Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved); **and**
- (c) The household has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain medical clearance before return to the center will be allowed.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

How will we communicate with you?

- We will communicate regularly via email and Learning Genie. Families are required to stay up to date with IVYP communications.

What is required of families in order to send a child to IVYP's Children's Center?

- Emergency card must be updated and complete with up to three adults who are available to pick up a child in case of sickness or emergency.
- IVYP must have a reliable way to reach parents/caregivers via phone and email.