

TINY TOTS CORONAVIRUS POLICY

Tiny Tots Preschool will once again be following the CDC recommendations on safety regarding Covid-19 and our early learners. Throughout our day, our staff will do their best to enforce these recommendations but will not be able to guarantee children will keep their masks on nor will be able to provide social distancing of 6 feet at all times during their day. Parents need to know that some safety measures are simply impossible to uphold in an early childhood environment and below are our center's policies for the upcoming 2021 – 2022 school year.

***** Our center families must stay home when sick, this includes our students, vaccinated /unvaccinated parents & siblings *****

- Our center will be taking temperatures upon arrival and ask parents to complete a brief screening questionnaire. Our center anticipates full disclosure if your child has any symptoms.
- Tuition will not be suspended when your child is home sick so your child's spot will remain open upon their return; our center must keep our teachers paid.
- If our center has to shut down temporarily due to exposure - all toys and touch surfaces will to be disinfected before children can return back to school in the appropriate amount of time recommended.

Sickness Policy

- Any student with a fever of more than 100.4 must remain out of school for 48 hours after the fever has broken without fever reducing medications.
- Our center will not allow a doctor's note for returning before the 48 hours.
- Any student showing any concerning signs of a respiratory issues, such as excessive coughing, tugging in the chest, wheezing, shortness of breath will be sent home.
- Students with a cough and a fever will be required to be seen by a medical professional within 24 hours.
- Student must remain out of school for 7 days and follow CDC recommendations for returning.

- Parents will be required to contact the director within 24 hours to inform the school what the illness may be.
- If a doctor has cleared your child to attend sooner, the medical professional **MUST** in writing state - “That the child _____ was seen and was evaluated for _____. The child does NOT have Covid-19 and is able to return to center without placing another child or adult at risk”. The doctor must also state what the child’s diagnosis is and why the child is coughing.
- **If a child or anyone in your home tests positive for Covid-19, families must inform Tiny Tots ASAP. The child will be required to stay home for 14 days.**
- If there is a case of Covid at the center, Tiny Tots Preschool will contact and follow recommendations of the CDC and Department of Health & Human Services.

Handwashing & sanitizing practices will apply for children & staff as follows:

- Entering center at the start of the child's day
- After toileting
- Before eating
- After eating
- After playing outside
- After blowing his/her nose
- After coughing or sneezing
- Before & after when engaging in certain learning activities
- Floors will continue to be disinfected after each class group
- Children will not share supplies - each child will have individual containers.

*The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics recommend masks for anyone over 2 years of age who are not vaccinated. Since our early learners are too young to vaccinate, it is recommended. However, our center will begin our school year outside as long as the weather cooperates and therefore **will not require masks**. Our center will however work with local health authorities, monitor levels of community transmission, and local cases to set mask precedent moving forward. Tiny Tots Preschool may change mask policy at any time and will continue to communicate our strategies / changes in plans to staff and families.*

Thank you for navigating this year with us!