

## **Creando Preschool**

### **COVID-19 Updated Policy 2022-Masks & Sick Child Policy Amendment**

The safety and wellbeing of all staff, children, and the families at Creando Preschool continues to be of utmost importance to us. We always commit to taking all precautions toward keeping children and staff safe and healthy, including the current time of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our COVID-19 policies will continue to change as needed. Following this additional sick child policy will help Creando Preschool to do this.

#### **Children will be asked to stay home or return home if any of the following applies:**

- Have a fever of 100.4 or higher
- Have had a fever of 100.4 or higher or other potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath or persistent dry cough, within the last 72 hours
- Have come in contact with others who have COVID-19
- Have severe cough, runny nose (yellow/green drainage,) vomiting, diarrhea or cold and flu like symptoms.

#### **To prevent the spread of COVID-19:**

- Children 2 + have to wear a mask indoors.
- Children with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to stay home, take a PCR test and test negative before returning to school.
- Children who have had a close contact exposure to others with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home and quarantine for 10 days. Before returning to school a PCR negative test is required.
- Families that travel out of state are required to provide a negative PCR test before returning to Creando. Families should wait a few days after they return to take a test.
- Creando Preschool will continue to practice handwashing upon arrival to the program, before/after meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, after nose blowing or assisting a child with blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Cover cough and sneezes with tissues, throw tissues in the trash, and clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water is not readily available)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks
- Our staff will continue to test for COVID-19 and practice social distancing.
- Our staff have been vaccinated and gotten their boosters.
- We encourage families to practice frequent handwashing at home and social distancing

#### **If an enrolled child or employee tests positive for COVID-19 the following plan will be implemented:**

- The local public health department and the Department of Children and Families Bureau of Early Care Regulation will be contacted. Creando Preschool will follow their guidance

for next steps. The plan of action will vary on a case-by-case basis but expect that the center will be closed for at least one week if there is a positive case by someone in attendance.

- All students who are considered a close contact will be required to quarantine for 10 days
- Any students who are in quarantine and do not develop symptoms may return on the eighth day with a negative PCR test taken on day seven if the center is allowed to open
- The program will post and notify families of any confirmed staff or child cases of COVID-19
- REMINDER\*\* all tuition is due as normal and no refunds will be issues during days the center is closed due to a Covid exposure

**Returning to a child-care facility after suspected COVID-19 symptoms**

If a staff member or child has symptoms of COVID-19 or is in close contact of someone with COVID-19, they can return to the child-care facility if the following conditions are met:

- If an individual has a fever, cough or shortness of breath and has not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they can return to the center no sooner than 48 hours after the fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms get better. If the person’s symptoms worsen, they should contact their healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19.
- If an individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must remain out of the program for a minimum of 7 days if vaccinated, 10 days if not vaccinated, after the onset of first symptoms. They may return under the following conditions:
  - If they had a fever: 3 days after the fever ends without the use of fever-reducing medication AND there is improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
  - If they did not have a fever: 3 days after they see an improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

**Tuition Policy During Covid-19**

- All tuition will continue to be due as normal during the Covid-19 outbreak regardless of attendance. The 60-day enrollment cancellation policy will also remain in force during this time as well. If Creando Preschool closes because of staffing issues or because of a large group exposure, tuition will continue to be charged during the days the center is closed for up to 10 days. If the center is forced to close for longer than ten days, a reduced 50% tuition will be due after the initial 10 days until the center can reopen.

I, (family member name) \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the above sick child policy amendment.

Family member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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