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COVID-19 GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS for Parents/Caregivers

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Governor Murphy has announced that ELCs may open up in person. When we open up for the Fall, we will be following the stringent guidelines established by the Division of Children and Family Services, the Local Board of Health and licensing authorities to keep your children and our faculty and staff as safe as possible. They currently include the following (but may change as rules and guidelines are adjusted):

1. Temperature of children and people bringing them to ELC to be taken upon arrival.

Fever (100.4 or higher) is a symptom of COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 who have tested positive or have not been tested should stay home and away from others until at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared, AND they have had no fever for at least 72 hours (three full days without the use of medicine that reduces fever) AND other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved). Individuals who have symptoms and have tested negative should stay home and away from others until 72 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications.

2. CDC Survey answered daily

3. Cloth masks must be worn by caregiver bringing child to ELC when interacting with ELC teachers and staff

4. Children must have a cloth mask every day, unless documented health issues preclude them from wearing a mask.

Children age under 2 will not be required to wear a mask until they turn 2. (Mask wearing will be strongly encouraged for our youngest friends)

As per the CDC:

Children 2 years and older should wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when in public settings where it's difficult to practice social distancing.

While we know this can be challenging for the children, we recognize that there will be times when wearing a mask will not be feasible (playground, outdoors, eating snack, lunch etc..). We also understand many of our young friends will struggle to wear one even for a few short minutes. We will encourage them to wear a mask when they are in very close quarters with a friend (building with blocks, train table or housekeeping). No child will be excluded from ELC if they cannot or will not wear a mask. We do ask that they bring a clean one daily.

Children in the 2s and 3s that stay for the afternoon will not be required to wear a mask during naptime. Masks are also not required while eating



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5. Cloth masks must be washed and brought back every day.
6. Children must wash hands with soap and water as soon as they enter the classroom
7. Hands must be washed before entering and exiting the classroom or building
8. Hands must be washed before and after toileting, before and after each toy played with and before and after any food being eaten
9. No outside toys can be brought to ELC
10. All blankets/towels must be washed and brought back to ELC daily
11. A child with any symptom other than fever, whether allergy or not must go home until they are 48 hours symptom free (or bring in a doctor's note saying they are not contagious).
12. If a child has a fever of 99.5 or higher during the day, they will need to go home. Fever of 100.4 or higher is a symptom of COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 who have tested positive or have not been tested should stay home and away from others until at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared, AND they have had no fever for at least 72 hours (three full days without the use of medicine that reduces fever) AND other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved). Individuals who have symptoms and have tested negative should stay home and away from others until 72 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications.
13. Each class will be assigned a certain bathroom and only use that bathroom
14. If a child presents with symptoms or fever during the ELC day they will be brought to the sick room until a caregiver picks them up
15. There are no parents or visitors allowed in the ELC during the ELC day. The only people allowed are the ELC Staff.
16. If a child arrives late, they will be met at the door and the above procedures will be followed
17. If a child needs to leave early, they will be brought to the door to meet their caregiver
18. Parents/children will not be allowed on the playground before or after ELC
19. Bathrooms cannot be used by parents/caregivers at any time or by children once ELC is dismissed
20. Pick up and drop off will be at staggered times
21. Children will remain in their classrooms throughout the day unless they go to the playground or multi-purpose room. The MPR and playground will be cleaned and disinfected in between groups
22. Each class will have (2) two teachers and a maximum of (12) twelve children
23. Classes will not be permitted to interact with other classes. They are "their own family unit"



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24. Large group gatherings will only be held outside and socially distanced from each other
25. Shabbat services will be held outside weather permitting otherwise it will be zoomed in to each classroom
26. Children will eat lunch and snacks in their classrooms
27. Each child will have their own set of art supplies (markers, crayons, paint brushes, scissors, etc.)
28. Teacher supplies will all be in their individual classrooms
29. All teachers are required to wear a cloth mask at all times
30. Teachers will eat lunch in their own classrooms as they usually do. All teachers will be fever checked and CDC surveyed upon entering the building
32. Teachers are only allowed in their assigned classrooms throughout the day. This includes before and after ELC
33. Similar to the children, if a teacher has an exposure to COVID-19, they will need to quarantine and be tested
34. The same medical guidelines that apply to the children also apply to the staff

In addition to the above guidelines, there will be no soft toys allowed, and all toys will be cleaned after each use. Highly frequented and touched areas will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. Each room will be disinfected after the children leave at the end of the day. Rooms such as the multi-purpose room and playground will be cleaned/sanitized between groups.

As you know, the state of New Jersey is continually updating the travel guidelines to help slow further spread of COVID-19 in the New Jersey area.

If you have traveled to any of the states listed on the New Jersey travel guidelines, you are required to quarantine for a period of 14 days consistent with the New Jersey mandate.

We ask that you please notify us as soon as possible if you and your family have traveled to or have been in contact with anyone that has traveled to any of the quarantined states listed in the mandate.

We recognize this may be an inconvenience for you. Adhering to these rules ensure the continued health and wellbeing of everyone in the ELC community.

We also ask that you notify us if you, anyone in your family or anyone you have been in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19. Out of precaution and in alignment with the government mandate by the State of New Jersey, our policies require that you will need to stay home for 14 days, be tested for COVID-19, and/or follow the directions given by the Summit, New Jersey Department of Health.



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