Child Care During COVID-19: WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

ROUTINES WILL BE DIFFERENT

To minimize contact during drop-off and pick-up, parents or caregivers should remain outside of the building when signing their child in or out and stagger times when possible.

As long as partner agencies are open and operating, children may still have access to support services.

The sections included here summarize how other routines will be different.

FINDING CHILD CARE

For a customized referral to an Emergency Child Care (ECC) provider, contact 211info:

• Call 211. Listen to the prompt for “Child Care” and press the specified number
• Text the keyword “children” or “niños” to 898211 (TXT211).
• Email children@211info.org.

Click here to visit the website.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Staff members who work with different stable groups, family members, and others should practice physical distancing of six feet. Young children are likely unable to practice physical distancing. Therefore, maintaining stable groups is important.

The program should support physical distancing when possible: more outside time, less standing in lines, less sharing of items or equipment, not using sensory tables or sandboxes, staggered mealtimes, no family-style meals, etc.

DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

This check directly asks about symptoms and exposure to COVID-19. Symptoms include “being ill with fever, cough, or shortness of breath.”

Staff will ask for a verbal verification by an adult that they and/or their child do not have a fever. If they cannot verify, then staff will do a temperature check.

SAFETY & SANITATION

Classrooms and common areas will be fully sanitized at the end of the day and in between groups. Hands should be washed frequently for at least 20 seconds. Face coverings are required for all staff who interact with multiple groups. Infants and sleeping children should NEVER wear a face covering. For more info, visit ELD’s website.

EXCLUSION POLICY

ELD created a diagram that outlines what to do if a child or staff member is sick or exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID-19. Click here to view.

GROUP SIZES

Programs must maintain stable groups of up to 10 children. “Stable” means the same group of children, and teacher and staff, are in the same group each day.

Visit oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources for more info. Take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19! Together, we can ensure healthy and safe care for our children.

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