

## Busy Bees Preschool, Inc Pandemic Health & Safety Policy (Updated 7/23/2021)

Dear Parents and Families,

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, we continue to follow recommendations and guidance from Community Care Licensing (CCL), the CDC and Public Health. The health and safety of children and staff is our priority. All management and teachers at Busy Bees Preschool are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

CCL recently issued new guidance to childcare centers which now requires children in a childcare setting to wear a face mask. They have also stated clearly that childcare centers should never force a child to wear a face mask. We have child face masks on our sign in table. If your child would like to wear a face mask while indoors you may take a mask and place it on your child or bring your own. We will do our best to encourage children to keep their mask on but will not force a child to wear a mask. If your child doesn't want to wear a face mask they will not be told to do so. Parents should consider the advice of the CDC on mask wearing <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/child-care-guidance.html> All adults entering the facility must wear a face mask. Face masks are not required outside.

Parents are asked to please take their child's temperature before coming to school. If your child has a fever of 100.4 or above please stay home. Children must be fever free for 48 hours before returning to school. If your child seems unwell or out of sorts, please err on the side of caution and keep them home. Prior to parents leaving at sign in, a staff member will conduct a health check. During this process they will take the temperature of your child using a touchless thermometer. Parent/caregiver will be asked the following questions:

***Do you live with or have you had close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?***

***Do you or anyone in your household have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath?***

***Do you or your child have any other signs of communicable illness such as a cold or flu?***

Parent/Caregiver may choose to use their own pen to sign in/out. Hand sanitizer will be available for parents use before and after sign in.

Children and staff will be required to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building and throughout the day as needed. Children are taught proper handwashing techniques. If we start our day outside children will be given hand sanitizer.

We always have the same groups of children inside our classrooms. The group size will be within state or local guidelines.

When inside we will open windows where possible to have air flow.

We have toys and manipulatives accessible that are easy to clean and will maintain our thorough cleaning practices. All surfaces are disinfected before snack preparation using CDC- or EPA-approved products and all staff will wash hands before and after meal preparation. Each child's snack will be plated and served by staff, instead of served family-style.

If a child is enrolled in our program, tuition will be due in full at the beginning of each month. In the event of a necessary closure and acknowledging our fixed costs of doing business there will be no refund of tuition. If the closure extends beyond the current month, you will not be expected to pay tuition until we can safely reopen.

Suzanne Jones (Administrator and Owner)