

Dear Families,

During this time, we are taking extraordinary precautions to reduce the risk of illness. We are taking extra steps to support the health and safety of your children, your family, and our staff.

Please take note of the following changes to our policies and procedures:

Check-In and Pick-Up

- Children will be dropped off at the check in door to a teacher.
- We will be limiting the number of people allowed in the center.

Healthy Environment

- Daily health check screenings will be done with children and staff.
- Children and staff will be required to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building, as needed throughout the day, and upon leaving.
- All classrooms will remain separated as much as possible to reduce the number of children in one area and to reduce the possibility of viral transmission.
- Staff will disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, faucets, toys, and games that children play with at least once daily.
- Program tours will be given when children are not present until further notice to reduce the amount of exposure in the building.

Meal Preparation & Service

- All surfaces will be disinfected before snack preparation and feedings using CDC and EPA approved products.
- All staff will wash hands before and after meal preparation and feeding.

Child Health

- Staff will receive education on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventive measures.
- Children who start to experience symptoms of illness, including a fever of 100.0°F or greater while at the center, will be isolated from other children until they can be picked up.

Staff Health & Wellness

- Staff has received additional training on infection control and workplace disinfection.
- Staff who start to experience symptoms of illness, including a fever of 100.0°F or greater while working, will be sent home immediately.
- Staff will not be allowed to work if they are feeling ill, experiencing any illness symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Face Coverings

- Students are encouraged to wear face coverings but will not be required to
- Staff will wear face coverings around the building but when in their classrooms they will wear them when serving snack, working with small groups and when social distancing cannot be maintained. They will not be required to wear face masks during story time, circle time and playground time unless social distancing cannot be maintained.

We have been working closely with Child Health Connection for consultation and guidance surrounding these measures. They are happy to report they have not seen any major outbreaks among their 400+ centers along the Front Range. It seems the measures taken by child care centers, as directed by local and state health departments and the CDC, are working. At this time there are no major concerns with your child returning back to group care. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing your children again and bringing back some routine and normalcy to their lives.

Mount Olive Lutheran ECEC Staff