



## Impressionable Years Illness and Sick Policies

### **Please Do Not Send a Sick Child to the Center**

Impressionable Years cannot leave a child unattended inside; therefore, we cannot honor your requests that children stay inside during outside time. If your child cannot go outside, then it is best that he/she stays at home.

Your child is sick and will be sent home if he/she has:

- A fever of 100 or higher (101 rectally or temporally) - (**\*Covid-19 - Temp 99.6**)
- Two diarrhea's
- Vomiting

### **Children must be free of fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to the center.**

An operator may not knowingly admit a child to child care during the period of communicability of a communicable disease, unless the child is undergoing treatment and the child's readmission is approved, in writing, by a licensed health practitioner.

Please do not **disguise a fever** with medication!! Please keep in mind that the center will still call and have you pick your child up. A fever is a fever, even if a child receives a shot from the doctor therefore, causing a fever, you still need to have your child picked up.

If your child becomes ill while in the center, a safe isolation area will be provided short-term until an adult arrives to pick him/her up.

### **COVID-19 Policy for Impressionable Years**

All members of your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):

- (a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 (for example – close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering)

(b) Traveled: Internationally; or Domestically, from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

**14 days after exclusion for exposure or 10 days after exclusion for symptoms, you may return the caregiver to the network provided these three things have happened:**

- (a) At least 10 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms
- (b) Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved)
- (c) The household has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain clearance to return from a medical provider before return to the center will be allowed.

**HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:** include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

**CLOSE CONTACT:** is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

**FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:** If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), that contact will NOT be considered Close Contact for purposes of this policy.

## **Health Check and Illness Policy – COVID-19**

### **ILLNESS:**

During the COVID-19 pandemic period, our Health Check & Illness Policy (both COVID and Non-COVID provisions) applies to all staff, children and their household members. The final decision on whether to exclude an individual from the program due to illness will be made by Impressionable Years.

For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 1 hour of notification of illness. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

### **DAILY HEALTH CHECK:**

All staff, families, children and their household members must conduct a daily health check **before** coming into the center. Should you or any household member have any of the following COVID-19-like symptoms **during the preceding 72 hours\*\***, we ask you to remain out of the center and notify the center.

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Muscle Aches
- Difficulty Breathing
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Fever at or above the threshold temperature of **99.6° F\*** (or would have, but for the use of fever-reducing medicine).\*

### **SYMPTOMS—CLEARANCE TO RETURN:**

Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, a symptomatic household will be required to remain out of the center for 10 days, unless clearance to return is provided. Where a medical provider assesses the symptomatic individual and can determine

- that there is an alternate diagnosis causing the COVID-like symptoms (e.g., an ear infection is causing a fever)
- the individual has tested negative, has been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and symptoms are resolving, the individual will be cleared to return and the ten (10) day exclusion period will not apply.

In the case of clearance for an alternate diagnosis, if the medical provider cannot affirmatively identify an alternate diagnosis which causes the presenting symptoms, any unspecified diagnosis is presumed to be COVID, and the exclusion will continue. Clearance to return cannot be provided by a family member.

### **REPORTING SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE IN HOUSEHOLD:**

Notify us immediately if you become aware of any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in your household occurring within 14 days before or after any member of your household has been in present at the center.

## **Mask/Face Covering Policy – COVID-19**

### **FAMILIES AND STAFF MUST COMPLY WITH STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING MASKS/FACE COVERINGS**

**Adults:** Adults must wear masks/face coverings when in the presence/same room as the Staff, even if the adult is not in close contact with the staff member.

**Staff:** All Staff must wear masks/face coverings at all times when at Impressionable Years, except during a break or while eating/drinking (in each case, provided proper social distancing can be maintained).

**Children:** This guidance does NOT apply to children 5 or under, or to those who are advised not to wear a face covering for other health reasons. Parents should consult with their child's health care provider if necessary (e.g., for children with certain conditions such as asthma), to determine if an individual child age 5 years and older is able to safely and consistently wear a cloth face covering while in care.

Children 5 and over should wear masks/face coverings when in the center unless:

- The child is interacting in on-line schooling activities, provided proper social distance
- The child is unable to remove the face covering without assistance
- The child has severe asthma or other breathing difficulties or safety concerns
- The child has special educational or healthcare needs, including intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, and sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity
- The child continues to remove the face covering or otherwise cannot wear the face covering safely and consistently

Face coverings should NOT be worn, but proper social distancing should be maintained:

- While eating
- If the child is unconscious or otherwise incapacitated

Masks/face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing, hand washing or other everyday preventative actions.

I fully understand Impressionable Years sick policy by signing and dating the sick policy form below.

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Staff Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date