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Dear Parents & Family Members,

Beginning Monday May 24, 2021, the Center will open its doors to the parents and family members who have children within the center. We ask that you follow the guidelines we have mentioned here below. It's been a very long and arduous process to keep the children as safe as we possibly could. We have really appreciated all the support parents and families have shown us. As we move forward, we will keep everyone informed of changes and updates as we proceed to hopefully Pre-Covid -19 conditions.

Those of you who are new to the Center, if you do not have an entry code to enter the center, please come to the office and Ms. Vickie will provide one for you. We ask again to have parents use the key code and not the children.

We are currently revising our COVID-19 guidance for our child care setting, including quarantine guidance, to recommend that while COVID-19 positive and symptomatic children will not be excluded, exposed children will no longer be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. Moreover, when there is a positive case, parents will be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk. Keep in mind, if your child has been diagnosed with Covid 19 they will be excluded for daycare and may return to the center 10 days after the symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms). While we acknowledge that some parents may want their child to continue to wear a cloth face covering for reasons that make sense for their family or that child's individual health condition, we will provide staff, parents and students with the option to make their own decision about mask usage.

The Iowa Department of Public Health has adjusted its guidance to recommend that childcare settings approach COVID-19 like other child illnesses.

COMMON CHILD ILLNESSES

A child should be temporarily excluded from our child care setting when the child's illness causes one or more of the following:

- Prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities.
- A need for care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
- An acute change in behavior: lethargy, lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or a quickly spreading rash.
- Fever with behavior change or other signs and symptoms in a child older than 2 months (e.g., sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea).
- For infants younger than 2 months of age, a fever with or without a behavior change or other signs and symptoms.
- A child with a temperature elevated above normal is not necessarily an indication of a significant health problem. A fever is defined as:
 - For an infant or child older than 2 months, a fever is a temperature that is above 101 degrees F [38.3 degrees C] by any method.
 - For infants younger than 2 months of age a fever is a temperature above 100.4 degrees F [38 degrees C] by any method.
- Temperature readings do not require adjustment for the location where the temperature is taken.

TOOLS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Masks and face coverings might be an effective tool for preventing the spread of seasonal respiratory illness. Cloth face coverings are generally not needed when eating or outside and must not be worn while sleeping.

- Unvaccinated individuals may be encouraged to wear face coverings, if medically appropriate.
- All children younger than two years of age should not wear face coverings.
- People who have trouble breathing and people unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear cloth face coverings.

Again, we will provide staff, parents and students with the option to make their own decision about mask usage. We do ask that parents not linger in the rooms during pick and drop off times.

Thank you all so much,

Cynthia Thompson & Victoria Johnson

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