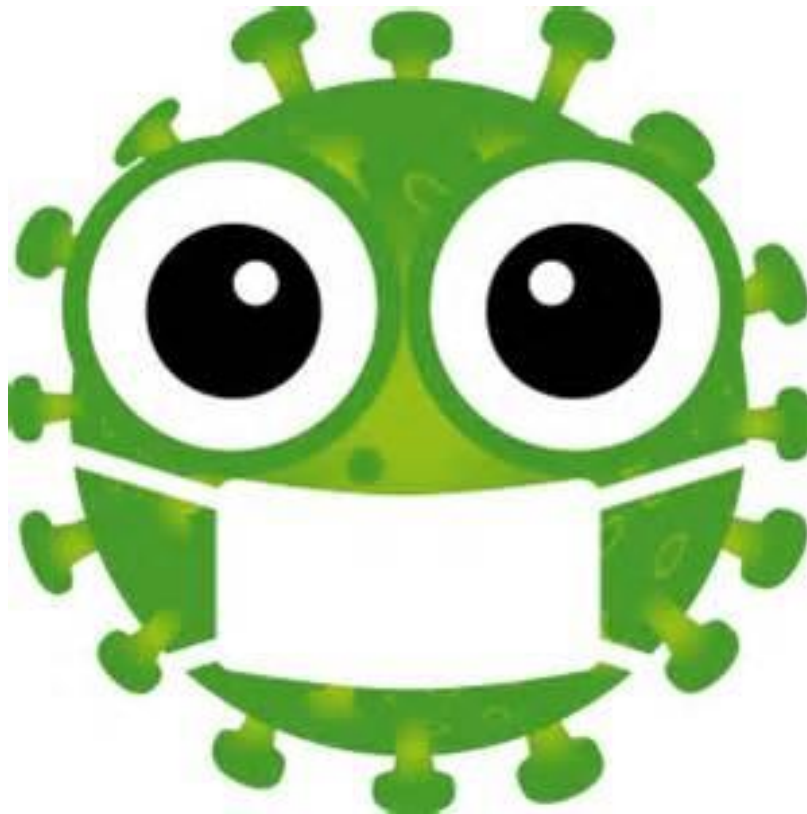


**Bloomfield Childcare
Center**



COVID-19 Guidance

2021-2022

September 24th, 2021

COVID-19

The strains of coronavirus currently in the news and causing such serious health concern is variants of COVID-19. We understand from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control that some strains spread easily and can be fatal, most often in the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. We are told that it is not uncommon for individuals to be diagnosed with one of these strains of coronavirus, especially during flu season.

For the latest information from the CDC, please visit:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

We are continuing to monitor the rapidly evolving public health situation around COVID-19. This update and all future updates will be available below. We are continuing to monitor the rapidly evolving public health situation around COVID-19. We have developed the following online resource for your easy reference to our current guidance.

COVID-19 Policy:

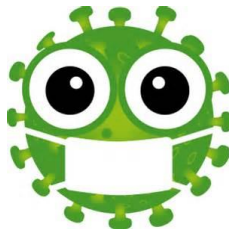
The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission to our vulnerable community, we are taking the following precautionary measures:

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); **or**
- (b) Traveled internationally; or domestically, from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

Positive Covid-19 Results/Returning to School:

If you are in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 or you test positive for COVID-19, you are required to report this information to the school if your child has been in attendance. **Before returning, following an isolation or quarantine period, you must call the school 860-242-0183. Please note that for illness, quarantine or isolation, only PCR test results will be accepted.**




HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DEFINITION: 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 DEFINITION: is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time 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 (CDC)

ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER. PLEASE NOTE ONLY THE CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED IN AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP (procedures below)

- ✓ Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center.
 - ✓ Fever of 100.4 F or higher, now or in the preceding **72 hours** (or would have, but have used fever reducing medicine)
 - ✓ Cough
 - ✓ Sore Throat
 - ✓ Muscle Aches
 - ✓ Difficulty Breathing
 - ✓ New Loss of Taste or Smell
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- Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for **14 days** unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. **The physician's note must not be from a family member.**
 - Exclusion from the center is necessary should a child become ill to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 1 hour of notification. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

Drop off Procedures:

- ✓ Children and guardian will come to the school door masked
- ✓ Guardians will sign-in the child via Brightwheel and answer the COVID-19 questions.
- ✓ Child's temperature will be taken with a no contact thermometer
- ✓ The child will also be looked over to make sure there are no visible rashes
- ✓ The child will be given hand sanitizer
- ✓ The child will be escorted to their classroom where they will wash their hands and join their class.

If a child has a temperature and has any of the symptoms associated with COVID the child will not be permitted to attend the school.



Pick up Procedures:

The director, assistant director or staff member will escort the child to the door for pick up when parent arrives and rings doorbell, messages on Brightwheel or calls the school.

Bathroom:

The children will use the designated bathrooms downstairs. Only two children will be allowed in the bathroom at a time. The bathroom will be sanitized after each child usage. The teacher will supervise each bathroom time to ensure that the children properly wash their hands after each use.

Breakfast/Lunch/Snack:

Children will continue to be provided with breakfast/lunch/snack. However, we will be using disposable utensils for the children based on CDC and CACFP guidelines. The children will be provided with well-balance meals according to CACFP guidelines and will served family style at their designated seating in the classroom.

How to Protect Yourself/Your Household:

Please see the CDC guidelines for current guidance on best practices for protecting yourself and your household during this pandemic: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Cloth Face Covering: We recommend that all caregivers and families be familiar with the CDC's recommendations around cloth face coverings available [<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>]. The CDC generally recommends individuals wearing cloth face coverings to

protect people around the wearer of the cloth face mask, in the event the wearer is infected but not symptomatic, to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Note: This guidance does not apply to children 2 or under, or to those who are advised not to wear a face covering for other health reasons. Cloth face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing, hand washing or other everyday preventative actions.



Health and Hygiene Practices (CDC)

Our regular health and hygiene practices provide some of the best defenses against the spread of most contagious illnesses. In addition to regular and thorough cleaning of classrooms, surfaces and toys, we teach children good hand-washing practices and ensure that children and staff take important precautions against the spread of germs.

You can work with your children to practice some of these same steps at home:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow; or cover mouth and nose with a tissue before sneezing or coughing, then immediately discard the tissue.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are ill
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially if someone is sick

All highly trafficked areas will be sanitized throughout the day. Sanitizing of materials at the school will be done daily. Each child will receive their own container that will include materials (pencil, markers, and crayons) that they will only use. There will be markers on the floor to remind children and staff of social distancing. BCC is committed to making the transition back to school a smooth one. Our main priority is making sure that all staff and children are safe and healthy. We appreciate your attention to these important guidelines. Contact us at (860)242-0183 with any questions or concerns.

BCC Health Screening Process

You will not be permitted to enter the facility:

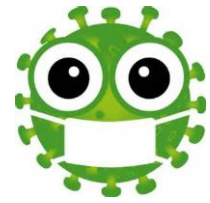
- If your temperature is over 100.4 (take your temperature as you enter)
- If you have traveled to a destination against CDC restrictions or the Governor's Travel Advisory
- If you have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

• Or if you or anyone in your household have had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe and healthy.





COVID-19 Waiver

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing as discussed in this COVID-19 guidance.

I further acknowledge that BCC has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I further acknowledge that BCC cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, staff, and other families.

I voluntarily seek educational services provided by BCC and acknowledge that I am increasing my risk to exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I acknowledge that I must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending the school.

I attest that:

- * My child is not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- * He/She have not traveled internationally within the last 14 days.
- * He/She have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America in the last 14 days.
- * I do not believe my child have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- * My child have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.
- * I am following all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I hereby release and agree to hold BCC harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself, my child, and any personal representatives any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss of any act, or failure to act of BCC, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any services received from BCC. I understand that this release discharges BCC from any liability or claim that I, my child, or any personal representatives may have against the school with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any educational services provided by BCC. This liability waiver and release extends to the school and employees.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____