

# HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

- The program ensures that the staff is adequately supported in implementing protocols, including training and supplies.
- All required Health and Safety EEC trainings for providers and educators have been followed closely by all staff members.
- Every morning the preschool staff will make a sanitizing and disinfecting solution from bleach and water which will be used throughout the day on toys, table, materials and all areas of the classrooms where children touch and play. At the end of the day, a vacuum with disinfecting solution will be used on the carpeted areas which the children and staff have used. Sanitizing solution with no less than 70% alcohol will be used throughout the day, especially when on the playground where access to hand washing is not possible. All children will be washing hands throughout the day: upon arrival, before eating and after toileting.
- Each child has an individual labeled hook for their backpack in the hallway, which is placed 6 feet away from one another. This way, various items (backpack, lunch boxes, clothing) will not touch.
- Each classroom will have clearly labeled containers with toys to encourage individual games and promote social distancing. These items will be disinfected after each use. On the carpet floor, a clear, age appropriate sign with children's names or a sign to guide the children to their seats to promote the 6 feet distance when playing. The tables will have labels for each child to find one to sit down at a chair and eat or play with the appropriate distance from another child.
- All teachers will wear masks when they are unable to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet. For example, during story time when children sit down on assigned spots around the carpet for circle time, teachers will remove the mask while reading the book. However, when teachers assist children with changing clothes or going to the bathroom, masks will be put on.
- Parents or guardians must wear masks during arrival and pick up time outside the building right in front of the preschool entrance. The mask must always remain on their face while interacting with teachers. Children over three are encouraged but NOT required to wear face covering. Please bring two masks so we can both, teach and learn about safety with our children. It will be a learning process for everyone.