

New Holland Early Learning Center COVID-19 August 2020 Update

People with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms that may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include, fever (100.4 F) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and/or loose bowels. These are the steps we are taking to keep our staff, your children and you safe and healthy while at the Center.

Screening procedures are in place. Staff and children may not enter the facility if they have tested positive for or are showing signs of COVID-19 or have recently had potential exposure. We monitor staff and children's health throughout the day and will immediately isolate anyone showing signs of the virus and will send them and any family members home as soon as possible. While we are waiting for them to be picked up, we will have them isolated in the foyer area and will remain as far away as safely possible from the child (preferably 6 feet) while maintaining supervision.

We are asking that you drop off and pick up your child at the doorways underneath the carport. Each child will have their temperature taken when they arrive. A staff member will sign each child in, sanitize their hands, help them put on their mask and then take the child to their classroom in order to decrease the spread of germs. Children will wash their hands upon entry to the classroom and with their peers throughout the day. Infants should be transported in their car seats until they are able to walk. At pick up time you may return to the entrance at the carport, where a staff member will greet you. They will then arrange for your child to be brought to meet you.

The use of masks is required by all staff, parents, visitors and children over the age of 2, unless they bring in a doctor's excuse or can safely social distance. Each child will be provided with at least 2 masks. All children's masks will stay at the center and will be laundered daily after being worn. The children will wear masks inside and outside. If children need a mask break the staff will provide activities where they can social distance and play games such as Simon says. Children will not wear masks during nap or lunch. Children must be able to take off mask by themselves to safely wear it throughout the day.

Each classroom has a cleaning schedule and has increased the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing high-touch surfaces such as toys, tabletops, countertops, chairs, doors and door knobs, light switches, sinks, sink handles and restrooms. Everything that is played with by one small group of children will be cleaned before the next group of children play with them. Our outdoor play area is also cleaned in between classes and first thing in the morning.

We model hand washing, and wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. We encourage the children to avoid unnecessary handshakes/physical contact. All of your children's belongings will be kept in large Ziploc bags that can be wiped down easily. We are limiting the sharing of materials among children. Please do not bring in any non-essential items for them, including water bottles. Our Grasshoppers and Bumblebees may bring in sippy cups as needed. Staff will have the children outdoors as much as possible due to recommendations by the Center of Disease Control.

We want you to understand that the situation is constantly changing and our response will be dependent on these changes.