

Metro Gateway Child Care COVID-19 Procedure

1. Teachers Health Screening
 - Teachers will be excused if they display or communicate:
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Constant cough
 - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19
2. Child Health Screening
 - Children will be observed upon entry and sent home if they display:
 - Green or cloudy mucus
 - Constant cough
 - Glazed eyes and a high temperature
3. Face Mask
 - All adults are required to wear a mask.
 - Classrooms: Preschool will be required to wear a mask (2-year-old – 5-year-old)
4. Social Distancing
 - Children will be reminded to give space to their friends.
 - Staff
 - Teachers will comply with 6 feet social distancing during breaks and lunches.
 - Teachers will assist by reminding children and fellow coworkers of the distance needed.
 - Infant teachers will wear a smock/ oversized t-shirt designated for in class use only.
 - All staff will be trained on COVID19 policies and procedures.
5. Cleaning and Sanitizing
 - Elevator will be sanitized after morning drop off is complete and after evening pick is complete.
 - Toys in classroom will be cleaned and sanitized as needed and / or daily.
 - Children restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
 - Outdoor play equipment will be disinfected twice a month

6. Diagnosis Plan

We will comply with all requirements from Community Care Licensing and Public Health. Keep in mind that if there is a positive test for COVID-19, public health will step in and we will do as they say.

- Close the early care and education center/family childcare home for a period of time. The length of time will be determined by the Department of Public Health based on the date(s) of exposure and the risk level.
- Child will be removed and placed in the sick bay (LLD) room supervised.
- Contact within 6 feet of the ill individual for more than 15 minutes after symptoms appeared or those who may have had unprotected direct contact with body fluids or secretions of the ill individual after symptoms appeared. Body fluids or secretions include saliva, sputum, nasal mucus, vomit, urine or diarrhea. Regardless of how long the facility remains closed, these people should home-quarantine for 10 days from the date of the contact. If any of them develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath while in quarantine, they should follow the return-to-work guidelines (7 days after symptoms started AND 3 days after fevers have resolved and symptoms improved; OR return 7 days after a negative test). A doctor's note is not needed to return to the center.
- If the site learns of a confirmed case of COVID-19 with potential exposure of staff or children contact the Department of Public Health for consultation and guidance before communicating with all staff and families. Visit our website, publichealth.lacounty.gov, for accurate information that can be used for your communications.
- Note that while all parents/caregivers and staff should be informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in someone connected to the facility, it is not legal to share the name of the infected individual. It may not be hard for children or staff to guess who the person is, but that is different from an intentional release of private medical information about someone.