

# **RAINBOW PLAYSCHOOL COVID- 19 NEW PROCEDURES & SAFETY MEASURES**

## **DROP OFF & PICK UP**

*Please note this process may take a little longer than our usual drop-off and pick-up, and we recommend that you give yourself a little more time than necessary to account for this.*

### **Our new drop-off routine is as such:**

We will begin accepting children into the center at 8:00 am.

The Infant, 1-2 and 2-3 year old rooms will come in from the main parking lot to the right of the building, while those in the Pre-K room will come in from the little parking lot to the left of the building.

Come to the door or fence and the on-site COVID officer will ask a few questions regarding any symptoms of COVID that you or your child may be presenting--this includes a fever of above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, persistent cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, or a loss of taste or smell. They will take your child's temperature with an infrared no-touch thermometer. This information, as well as any symptoms they may be presenting, will be written down.

At this time, you may use our ProCare app to wirelessly sign your child into school. After this, a member of the staff will bring your child directly to their classroom and their day shall continue as normal!

### **Our new pick-up routine is very similar to this:**

Parents and guardians will come to the door or main gate to get their children and belongings. From there you may wirelessly sign your child out with our ProCare app. Then you're free to go!

## **NEW ITEMS FOR CLASS**

Below please find a list of some new items you'll likely need to bring with you for class. Due to policy changes we do have some items that we ask you to leave at home, and those are listed at the bottom.

We ask that on the first day of school, parents bring in the following items:

### **Dishwasher Safe Water Bottles**

These water bottles will be staying at Rainbow for the entirety of the school term, and washed daily with the rest of our classroom dishes.

### **Sunscreen and Bug Repellent**

While we ask that children be sunscreens prior to arrival, please bring sunscreen to leave at Rainbow for reapplication in the afternoon. We ask that you send non-aerosol sunscreen and bug spray. Also consider bringing in a sunhat for those particularly sunny days!

### **Extra Clothes**

Please bring in quite a few outfits! We'll be playing outside a lot this fall, and we might get a little dirty.

### **Indoor Shoes**

Like with the clothes above, we'll be running around a lot and our shoes will get dirty. We ask that children be sent with another pair of shoes so they won't slip on our floors, but also won't track dirt and sand inside!

### **Rain Boots and Raincoats**

Since Rainbow Playschool goes outside whether rain or shine, we insist that children leave a pair of rainboots and a raincoat with their belongings at Rainbow. This way when the rain comes they have something to wear while out playing that will protect their clothes from getting soaked!

***Along with the items listed above, we ask that the following items not be brought to school:***

### **Foods Containing Nuts**

This year Rainbow Playschool is extending its "No Nuts" policy to the entirety of the school. We have several students with nut allergies this year, some of which are severe, and for their safety we ask parents to check the food they send with their children for any nuts and substitute them for foods without them.

### **Stuffies or Toys from Home**

While we know some children have toys or stuffies that help them to feel relaxed and happy, we must ask that no toys be brought into the school building to prevent the spread of germs to or from Rainbow. This includes blankets.

### **Large Backpacks**

Like with the stuffies and toys, we ask that large backpacks be kept at home. Large, soft items going between home and Rainbow can transfer germs, and we want to avoid as much potential cross-contamination as possible. Extra clothing and shoes will remain in the school building in the child's cubby.

## **CLASSROOM UPDATES & CHANGES**

We are pleased to share that Rainbow is taking the health and safety of our families and staff very seriously. As such, there have been some changes to the classrooms beyond the above.

### ***Classrooms***

We are working to keep the classrooms as separate as possible to prevent any spread of germs from one age-group to the other, up to and including the staff who will be remaining in a single classroom through the day. When traveling between areas (as well as between activities) we will ensure plenty of hand-washing and sanitizing to further reduce these risks.

### ***Toys***

We have taken additional measurements to ensure the cleanliness of our toys, which does, unfortunately, mean the removal of plush or soft toys from the rooms that are harder to sanitize, but we promise to still provide a fun, safe, and exciting play environment for everyone despite this!

### ***Face Masks***

Staff will be wearing facemasks when in the classroom, and we encourage all children from ages two and up to do so as well--this includes parents and guardians who come in with their child, so please remember to bring a face-covering when picking up or dropping off!

While we will be encouraging mask use among the children, we understand that not every child will be comfortable with this. Your child will not be asked to leave if they refuse to wear one. We have a multitude of masks we can offer to your child (that will stay at Rainbow and be washed) in all sorts of fun colors and patterns, but if they have their own you are welcome to bring them in!

Masks do not need to be worn while we're outside, and we are going to try to be outside as much as possible, so we hope that will relieve some of the discomfort a child may feel from wearing their mask.

### ***Playground***

We are separating our playground into three areas. One area for the infants off of the infant room is already separated. There will also be a section of the large playground roped off for 1-2 year old classroom. The remainder of the playground will include the 2 year old classroom through PreK. We have disinfectant that will be applied after each use that will air dry on the equipment.

### ***Social Distancing***

We are following the State regulations, which suggest that keeping children in pods of 25 is considered best practice. For mealtime, napkins and silverware are provided directly by staff. We practice physical distancing when children are awaiting to receive their meals and also when they are waiting in lines. We practice setting up activities 6 feet apart to the best extent possible. Each classroom has their own heating and cooling system to increase fresh airflow into each classroom without it going through a whole building ventilation system. Each classroom is using their own bathroom as well.