



PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

COVID-19 Procedures

The following procedures are in place regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for all Park District of Oak Park Early Childhood Programs.

- Parents will be immediately notified if their child becomes ill at the center and they will be expected to pick the child up in a reasonable period. Parents will need to leave a contact number where they can always be reached without delay.
- Staff will be disinfecting teaching materials, door handles, light switches, and other frequently touched surfaces on a consistent basis, ex. during the school day, between classes, etc.
- Classroom materials will be disinfecting before and after use.
- Staff will be conducting daily health checks for those that enter the building, including recording temperatures and other symptoms.
- Staff will refuse entry to any person, child or adult, who shows signs of COVID-19 related symptoms, or other symptoms of illness, such as but not limited to:
 - ❖ Temperature of 100.4 degrees or above
 - ❖ Vomiting or Diarrhea
 - ❖ Congestion or runny nose
 - ❖ Cough and/or shortness of breath
 - ❖ Chills and/or repeated shaking with chills
 - ❖ Muscle pain
 - ❖ Headache
 - ❖ Loss of smell or taste
 - ❖ Unexplained rashes
 - ❖ Toe discoloration/pain/blisters
 - ❖ Symptoms consistent with conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- If the child is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she is not to return to the child care facility until ALL of the following are met:
 - ❖ Individual is free from fever without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 72 hours.
 - ❖ Individual's symptoms, including cough, have improved.
 - ❖ It has been at least 10 days since the onset of the individual's illness
 - ❖ Note from a medical provider documenting that they can return to child care.
- If the child has symptoms of COVID-19 and it is subsequently determined by a medical provider that the individual likely does not have a COVID-19 infection, the child can return if the following is met:
 - ❖ No fever for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications AND
 - ❖ Either a negative test for COVID-19 OR a note from a medical provider documenting no clinical suspicion of COVID-19 infection exists.
- Any child with close contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) to a person suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19 will be excluded from the preschool for 14 days and is to be monitored



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for symptoms. If symptoms develop, the child is to be evaluated and tested for COVID-19 by a medical provider.

- Families are to check their child's temperature at home before leaving to come to school, and will be asked to report the temperature at drop off. If the family forgets to take their child's temperature, a touchless thermometer will be provided so that the family will then take the child's temperature. This temperature will be recorded and kept on file for DCFS.
- Children and family/guardians will arrive at the scheduled time wearing facemasks, as permitted. Drop off and pick up is to will occur at the exterior of the building while maintaining social distancing, in order to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19.
- All people, ages 2 and up, as permitted, will wear a facemask when arriving at and leaving the center, when in hallways and common areas and throughout the day except when staying socially distant outdoors, or while eating/drinking. If social distancing cannot be maintained, even while playing outside, masks will be worn, as permitted.
- Parents/visitors will not be allowed in the building for drop off/pickup or other volunteering opportunities for the foreseeable future.
- Families must immediately notify the PDOP preschool if someone in their home tests positive, or if the child has been in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19.
- Families traveling to states that are included on the Suburban Cook County Travel Quarantine List are to self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return and communicate these plans to our program.
- A new or freshly laundered mask must be worn each day.
- Children will be required to leave a pair of shoes or slippers at the center for exclusive indoor use at the center.

These items will be updated as new information and guidance emerges from the appropriate advising agencies i.e., DCFS, Oak Park Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, CDC, and the like.

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