

TEMPORARY COVID-19 RELATED PROTOCOLS (EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020)

Precious Memories Preschool of Sandy Hollow has applied for permission by the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to service more than 30 children during the COVID-19 state of emergency, pursuant to Executive Order No. 7Q, signed by Governor Ned Lamont on March 30, 2020. We have implemented all policies and procedures put in place by the OEC to help protect the health and safety of children and staff through this crisis.

Policies and procedures put in place for the period of the declared state of emergency are as follows:

- Groups of children will remain in separate rooms while in attendance.
- No more than ten children will be in any room at one time even if there are half walls, half doors or other physical barriers within such room separating groups of children. For children under the age of three, a group size of 8 and a ratio of 1:4 is still required.
- Groups of children will not come in contact with other groups of children while in attendance, including at the beginning and end of the day, while engaged in outdoor play and during arrival and departure times.
- Enhanced cleaning will be performed throughout the day, in particular, in common spaces such as bathrooms, outdoor space and doorways/hallways when used by different groups.
- Staffing patterns will minimize movement of staff between groups of children throughout the day.
- All staff have been trained on the policies and procedures that ensure the above conditions.
- All parents of enrolled children have been informed of these policies and procedures.
- All children, adults who will be entering the building (please limit this to one person) and our entire staff must be screened ON OUR COVERED PORCH prior to entering the building for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress, and to confirm temperature below one hundred degrees Fahrenheit. We will be using a no contact infrared thermometer. NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 100 DEGREES OR HIGHER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. Parents will be asked if in the past 14 days they or their child have had contact with any persons who were sick with suspected COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19.
- Face masks will be worn by staff as required by Executive Order 7BB of the Department of Economic Development Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employees. The Order does NOT require the use of face masks by:
  1. Anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition.
  2. A CHILD IN A CHILD CARE SETTING

IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN PRESENT IN THE PROGRAM IS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19, WE WILL NOTIFY FAMILIES AND STAFF ABOUT THE EXPOSURE.

IN FEBRUARY OF 2020, COVID-19 WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES. ON THE DAY OF RECOGNITION OR STRONG SUSPICION OF EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS WE WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT, IN ADDITION TO OUR STAFF AND FAMILIES, THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TOWN IN WHICH THE CASE/PATIENT RESIDES.

We thank you for your understanding and support at this unprecedented time and remain committed to the safety and well-being of our staff and families.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_