

# Jonah's Creative Center COVID-19 Guidelines

(In addition to current illness policy)

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission to our vulnerable community, we are taking the following precautionary measures:

**Upon arrival all staff and children will be monitored for obvious cold-related symptoms, temperature check (not to read over 99.4F two attempts will be made to read temperature) and immediate hand washing prior to entering classrooms. Parents and visitors must wear a mask when entering the building (staff will not interact with any person entering building without a mask on) and may not be permitted through the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of double doors for building entry until Pandemic has ceased per CDC and ODJFS. One family may enter at one time into first set of entry doors.**

**Parents please wait patiently while staff take temperatures of other children and properly clear children for entry.**

## **Contacting Covid or Communicable Disease**

Children enrolled in school that are included in our before and after school program must quarantine if their classroom or school has issued a quarantine.

Please communicate any cold symptoms or possible exposure to Covid 19 and any communicable disease to the administrator, make program aware of any travel outside the country.

## **Covid Guidelines Continued**

Your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):

- (a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or other communicable disease (for example – close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering); **or**
- (b) Traveled:
  - internationally; or domestically,
  - from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

Child/ren may return **once the following has taken place:**

- (a) At least 5 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms or tested positive; child/ren must test negative after day 5 in order to return.

### **Please note, medical clearance is needed prior to return to the program.**

**HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:** include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

- ✚ **CLOSE CONTACT:** is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

### ✚ **Health Check and Illness Policy - COVID 19**

Applies to staff, children and their household members, which states in part: **ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER. (If cold like symptoms upon arrival or within 15 mins of arrival child will be dismissed from center until a negative result is presented and symptoms have resolved.**

- Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center.
  - Fever of 99.4F or higher, now or in the preceding 24 hours
  - Cough
  - Sore Throat
  - Muscle Aches
  - Difficulty Breathing
  - Runny Nose
  - Diarrhea

\*Please see parent handbook for a list of symptoms and illnesses

One symptom may result in dismissal of care for up to 72 hours or until symptoms have resolved.

- Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 24hrs unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must not be from a family member.
- Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 2.0 hour of Notice.

Weekly tuition will be waived for a maximum of (5) business days, if child is absent longer than (5) days 50% is due thereafter to hold spot not to exceed 9 days, 100% tuition is due on day 10 of absence.

### **Summary of Enhanced Protocols-Centers**

We are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and the guidance of our state. We are maintaining small group sizes and practice social distancing to the best of our ability, given the ever-changing circumstances and variation in guidance across states and localities.

#### **Illness Policy- COVID 19**

Suspension of child care sessions is sometimes necessary to reduce the risk

of COVID-19 transmission.

### ❖ **How to Protect Yourself/Your Household**

Please see the CDC guidelines for current guidance on best practices for protecting yourself and your household during this pandemic:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

- ❖ **Cloth Face Covering:** We recommend that all caregivers/JCC Staff and families be familiar with the CDC's recommendations around cloth face coverings available <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. The CDC generally recommends individuals wearing cloth face coverings to protect people around the wearer of the cloth face mask, in the event the wearer is infected but not symptomatic, to reduce the spread of COVID-19. **Note:** This guidance does not apply to children 2 or under, or to those who are advised not to wear a face covering for other health reasons. Cloth face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing, hand washing or other everyday preventative actions.

### ❖ **Health and Hygiene Practices**

Our regular health and hygiene practices provide some of the best defenses against the spread of most contagious illnesses. In addition to our two hour rigorous and thorough cleaning of classrooms, surfaces and toys, we teach children good hand-washing practices and ensure that children and staff take important precautions against the spread of germs.

*You can work with your children to practice some of these same steps at home:*

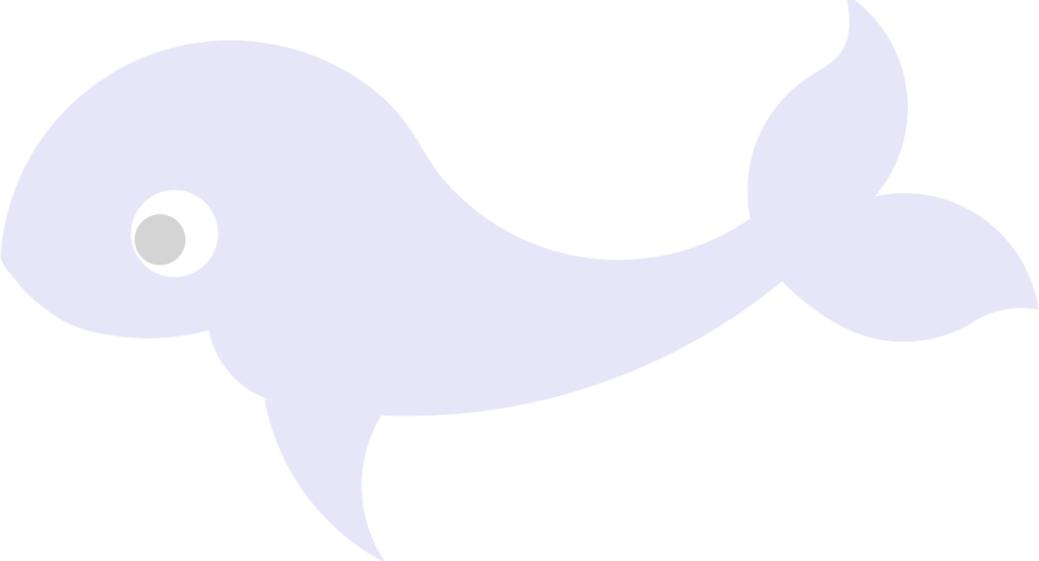
- Wash hands often with soap and water – [use this step-by-step guide to help](#)

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- Sneeze or cough into your elbow; or cover mouth and nose with a tissue before sneezing or coughing, then immediately discard the tissue.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are ill
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially if someone is sick.

Protect yourself and those around you!

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