

DELC COVID19 FAMILY POLICY ADDENDUM Updated 8.2021

Policy addendums and Exposure Waiver:

All parents/guardians and staff members must sign an agreement to the policy addendums below and an exposure waiver prior to starting August 30, 2021.

Drop-off/Pick-Up Procedures: PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF MAY TAKE LONGER DUE TO THESE REQUIRED PROCEDURES.

Adults, regardless of vaccination status, are not required to wear masks outside at drop-off/pick up or at the entry way of the school building at drop-off. Adults that remain in the building are required to wear masks.

Drop-Off: Children will be signed in for the day by DELC staff at our main entrance on 3rd Avenue. Parents/caregivers will remain with the child until they are signed in and have cleared the daily Wellness Check (see below). Staff will escort children to their classrooms.

Staff will be available at the entrance from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Arrivals after 9:00 a.m. will need to call the school so a staff member can meet you outside for arrival procedures. **WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT FAMILIES ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 9:30AM.**

Staff will sign your child in and out to discourage the sharing of a pen. CCAP families will continue to sign in using the IPAD, and staff will disinfect in between families.

Pick-Up

DELC staff will monitor our main entrance from 3:00-3:30 every day. Please call the school if we do not see that you have arrived. Staff will collect your child and their belongings and escort them outside to parents/caregivers. For times not listed above, preschool families please check to see if your child is with their class outside on the 9th ST side to pick your child up directly from their teacher. If your child is not outside with their class or your child is in the toddler room, please call the school, and we will bring your child outside to you.

Wellness Checks:

All staff are required to fill out a Health Screening Form on a daily basis as well as complete one based on parent/caregiver input of every child at drop off. Upon arrival every day, each child and member of staff will have their temperature taken. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be able to enter the building. Children and staff that have a temperature between 99.2-100.3 will be monitored consistently throughout the day.

Illness Policy: PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BASED ON THESE STRICT PROTOCOLS, CHILDREN MAY BE SENT HOME MORE OFTEN THAN YOU ARE USED TO.

Per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, anyone with the following major symptoms should not come to the center: feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature of 100.4 F or higher, new or unexplained persistent cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell. These guidelines are in addition to our regular illness policy “How Sick is Too Sick” from Children’s Hospital of Colorado. (Updated 8.22.20)

Anyone, staff or child, who develops the above major symptoms or two or more of the following minor symptoms: sore throat, runny nose or congestion, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea during the day will be isolated in the Red Room until they can leave the center. **DELIC respectfully requests that parents pick up their child within an hour of DELIC calling that your child is exhibiting symptoms. Parents be sure your contact information is up to date and designate another emergency contact and phone number for us to contact if you are unable to get to DELIC within an hour.**

DELIC will follow the most up-to-date guidance on dismissal, quarantine, and criteria to return to in-person learning (see attached). Temporary closing of individual classrooms and/or the entire school will be made in consultation with San Juan Basin Health Department.

Tuition

Tuition will not be credited if a classroom or individual student has to quarantine due to COVID-19. Tuition will only be prorated for extended closure due to COVID-19 if the entire school is closed. Tuition will not be reimbursed for a child absent due to other illness. Should DELIC have to close an individual classroom for a partial or entire day due to lack of staff in relation to COVID-19 or other health concerns, tuition will be credited. We realize this is a hardship for families, especially on short notice. DELIC will make every effort to notify families as soon as possible.

Practices to Limit Exposure:

Masks: All staff will wear masks inside the building during working hours. We are strongly encouraging all children over the age of 3 in the preschool to wear a mask indoors, except for when eating and napping/resting, per American Pediatric Association recommendations. No child under the age of 3 are allowed to wear a mask.

Classrooms: Children will spend the majority of their day with the same kids in the same classroom. From 3:30 – 5:30, children that are still at DELC will mix cohorts in the preschool. There is a possibility of combining classrooms should a teacher be absent and no substitutes available in order to maintain our current operating hours.

Classroom Materials: For the time being, all soft toys that cannot be sanitized will be removed from classrooms (soft dolls, dress up, etc.).

Water Bottles: Individual water bottles will be kept in your child's personal cubby. Water bottles will be sent home daily to be cleaned and returned the next day.

Hand washing: All children and staff will wash their hands upon arrival and regularly throughout the day. Staff will supervise hand washing that involves at least 20 seconds of washing with soap before rinsing. While hand sanitizer will only be used on children if hand washing becomes unavailable, it will be available for staff in all classrooms and at the front entrance sign-in.

Snacks: DELC will continue to provide one snack in the morning. Students will eat what is left in their lunchbox after nap/rest. Please pack extra food in your child's lunch for this purpose. We will discontinue family style snacks where students serve themselves. All snacks will be prepared by staff and served to students. If you feel more comfortable packing your child's snack instead of receiving the school-provided snack, please let staff know and have the snack labeled separately in your child's lunchbox.

Nap/Rest: All families must provide a crib sheet that will be taken home weekly to be washed. Each child may bring one small stuffed animal, but please note they will only be able to access it during nap/rest times. All nap/rest items must fit into the provided bins without hanging over. PLEASE NO PILLOWS AT THIS TIME.

Updated Sanitizing/Disinfection Policies:

- High contact surfaces will be disinfected frequently (i.e. bathrooms, door handles, diapering areas, hallways)
- All toys used will be washed and dunked in a sanitizing bleach solution daily in the toddler room and once a week in the preschool per CDPHS recommendations. Toys that are not washed and dunked will be sprayed with sanitizing bleach solution.
- Classroom surfaces touched by children (i.e. table and chairs) will be sanitized per CDPHS recommendations. Tables will be cleaned before and after using soap and water, rinsed with water, sprayed with sanitizing bleach, left on for 2 minutes and wiped off.
- Nap mats will be cleaned and sanitized after use every day.
- All staff will wear gloves per standard precaution requirements - preparing food, snack and lunch times, applying sunscreen, changing diapers/potty accidents, first aid, etc.

Drop-In Policy: DELC will only offer drop-in spots to families enrolled for the 2021.2022 school year. Space must be available in the child's assigned classroom.

Field Trips: No out-of-school field trips will be permitted until further notice.

Communication:

Every child will be sent home with a daily report (similar to the current Purple Room version) listing snack, nap/rest times, diapering (if applicable), and three bullet points of how your child's day was. Teachers will send out bi-monthly emails documenting learning and how they are connected to the Colorado Early Learning and Developmental Guidelines. Teachers will be available by phone or video chat (see your classroom teacher for specific availability) to maintain connection with families regarding any concerns, questions. etc.

Family Volunteer Hours:

DELC still operates under the philosophy of family partnerships and engagement. We also understand that safety restrictions now in place may present challenges for families to complete their volunteer hours while access to the school is limited to students only. With that in mind, **DELC requests families complete 6 volunteer hours for the 2021/2022 school year**, rather than the normal twelve. We will provide all families with a comprehensive list of ways to complete these hours and always welcome any creative ideas you may have to engage at DELC.

DELC'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Continue to provide high quality care of young children in an environment that is warm, safe, and inviting. This includes the continued planning and execution of developmentally appropriate learning experiences catered to each child's individual needs
- Institute all policies and procedures for safe opening set forth by San Juan Basin Health and the State of Colorado. This includes all the policies stated above.
- Ensure all staff and any adult remaining in the building is wearing a mask.
- Supervise safe use of masks for children over 3. DELC reserves the right to remove a mask from any child who is not able to wear one safely or require one if a child is demonstrating symptoms.
- Adhere to all cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting procedures to maintain a healthy environment for children and staff
- Notify families if there is a COVID-19 positive confirmed case or exposure in the school.

FAMILY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep children home who are showing any signs of illness or who have household members that are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Notify DELC if you have COVID-19 confirmed case or exposure in your household immediately.
- Pick up your child from DELC within the hour of DELC calling if they begin showing symptoms during the school.
- Follow DELC's arrival/departure procedures. It is imperative that all children are picked up no later than 3:30pm for 3:30 contracts and 5:30pm for 5:30pm. **As such, we will continue to follow the \$3 per minute charge for late pick up. After a total of 3 late pick up incidents, you will be charged a \$100 fee.**
- Families can provide masks for children over 3 years of age if they choose. However, DELC reserves the right to remove a mask from any child who is not able to wear one safely. Please provide extra masks should a child demonstrate symptoms. No child under the age of 3 can wear a mask. All children over the age of 3 need to have a spare mask at school should they begin to develop any symptoms during the school day.

I agree to adhere to the DELC COVID-19 Addendum and Responsibilities as well as all current DELC Family Policies. These policies are subject to change based on updates from the San Juan Basin Health Department, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Safety, and the Office of Early Childhood Licensing Division.

Parent Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

FAMILY WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

(A copy of this form within will be maintained on file for each child)

In signing this form, I understand and agree to the following terms and conditions related to care of my child at Durango Early Learning Center, henceforth referred to as the Center.

Child(ren) Name: _____

We are asking all families to agree to the following terms and release the Center from any liability associated with transmission of the virus.

Transmission minimization efforts at the center will including:

- Wear protective gloves
- Hand washing frequently and between all transitions and changes of activity
- Frequent sanitation of learning materials and learning environment
- Access to the Center limited to employees, volunteers, and early education support staff.

Risk acknowledgement and Release of Liability

I acknowledge the risks of being exposed to COVID-19 while accessing care at the Center, which include serious illness or death. I am choosing of my own free will to participate in care at the Center. I hereby release and forever discharge Durango Early Learning Center, its representatives, officers, agents, and employees of and from all actions, claims or demands for injuries, damages or loss resulting from my access to care.

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Director Signature _____ Date ____/____/____