

Rainbow Center COVID-19 guidelines:

Daily Health Screening of Staff and Children

- Staff: All Rainbow staff will be screened upon their arrival each morning. This will include a self-assessment and a temperature check. Any staff member exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, either upon arrival or at any time during the day, will be sent home and will need to be symptom free before returning. Rainbow's COVID-19 sickness policy will be followed.
- Children: All parents must complete a quick health screening questionnaire for their children prior to their arrival at the Center each day or at the drop off area. At the check-in station, our staff will take each child's temperature by using no contact infrared thermometers. All children whose temperature is less than 100 degree will be escorted to their classrooms. If a child's temperature measures 100 degrees or higher, the child will be sent home. The Center will call home to follow up with further instructions. Any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, either upon arrival or at any time during the day, will be sent home and will need to be symptom-free before returning. Steps in the *Rainbow Sickness Policy* must be followed.
- Any child/staff with the following COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home with no exceptions:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or running nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Any other signs of COVID-19 symptoms listed by CDC

Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

- Hand hygiene stations will be set up at the entrance of the Center, so that children can sanitize and clean their hands before they enter. If a sink with soap and water is not available, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be provided next to the parent sign-in station. All children's use of hand sanitizer will be supervised. If weather permits, the sign-in station will be set up outside of our Center.
- Designated staff will greet children outside as they arrive. The designated staff will walk all children to their classroom, and at the end of the day, walk all children back to the entrance.

- If necessary, families will be assigned a specific drop-off and pick-up time. Only one family member should pick up and drop off your child to avoid overcrowding.
- Daily health screenings will be conducted daily upon arrival. All children's temperatures will be taken at the door. Families are required to complete the daily health screening questionnaire prior to arrival or at the check-in station.
- To ensure the safety of all children, parents and non-essential visitors will not be allowed in our Center during the Center's normal hours of operation. For all school tours, visitors will be assigned a specific time and must have masks, gloves, and wear shoe coverings when entering our Center.
- *Recommendation:* We advise against older people such as grandparents or those with serious underlying medical conditions dropping off or picking up because they are more at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Use of Face Coverings

- All staff must wear face coverings inside the Center at all times.
- All visitors/parents/guardians are required to wear masks.
- *Recommendation:* We recommend that children 2 years and older wear masks.

Enhanced Hygiene Practices

- The Center will continue to implement CDC handwashing guidelines. Both staff and children will practice frequent handwashing.
 - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol and cover all surfaces of hands and rub together until they feel dry
 - Practice handwashing upon arrival at the Center, before meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, and after coughing, sneezing, and blowing noses
- Children will be taught not to touch their eyes, noses, and mouths with their hands
- Children will learn to cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, throw the issue in the trash, and clean their hands with soap and water (or hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available)

Intensified Cleaning and Sanitizing Practices

- Our staff will clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, and other shared items. A cleaning log and schedule will be followed.
- Each child's bedding will be kept separately. Cots will be labeled for each child.
- Toys that cannot be cleaned or sanitized will be removed from the classroom (ex. cloth toys).
- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions/excretions will be set aside immediately until they are cleaned and sanitized.
- Toys will not be shared with other groups of infants or toddlers, unless they are washed and sanitized before being moved from one group to the other.
- Children's books, like other paper-based materials such as mail or envelopes, are not considered high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.
- Items from home will not be allowed because they can be ways to transmit the virus. No strollers will be allowed to be parked inside the Center.
- All children and staff should bring an extra pair of shoes to the Center to change into. All children will be changed into indoor shoes inside the Center.

Increased Training of Staff

All Rainbow staff will complete a thorough orientation and training before reopening. Our staff training will be expanded to include all of our updated safety protocols and activity modifications. We are committed to ensuring that children remain safe while at Rainbow and, despite some necessary adjustments, will have a fun and unforgettable experience.

Meals

- During meals/snacks, seating will be spaced-out as much as possible to ensure adequate physical distancing.
- In order to minimize food handling by our staff, parents are encouraged to provide their child with lunch and snacks in an insulated lunch bag.
- If Rainbow provides food, they will be in individual servings. We are no longer practicing family-style meals. Children will not be serving themselves.

Procedures When Someone is Sick

If a child becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, the child will be removed from the classroom and walked to a separate safe area. Staff will put a child-sized mask on the child while waiting for the parent/guardian to pick up. Rainbow will follow all State and City Department of Health guidelines to ensure the safety of all other children, staff, and families. If a staff member becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, she will be sent home immediately. Please see our Sickness Policy for more quarantine requirements.