



COVID-19 Update for Parents

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Dear Families,

We would like you to know that we are in continual contact with the NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department regarding the latest information on COVID-19 and its impact on childcare.

Here are some things we would like you to know:

- We are receiving children at the front desk at drop-off and bringing children to the front desk at pick-up.
- We are taking each child's temperature at drop-off.
- We are making every effort to keep group sizes to a maximum of 10.
- We continue to sanitize toys and surfaces throughout each day.
- We continue to follow all the universal precautions and recommendations of the Department of Health and the NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department.

If you are a family with a childcare assistance contract, please note the following:

- If you have a part-time contract for before and after school care and are currently attending full time, please contact your case worker for an updated contract.
- If your contract expires during this state of emergency, your contract will be renewed automatically until the emergency is over.
- If you are not currently using our childcare services due to COVID-19, your contract will still be valid when we are no longer in a state of emergency.

If you are an "Essential Employee" as designated by the state of NM (first responders, medical workers, childcare workers, etc.) and do not already receive childcare assistance from the state of NM:

- You qualify for free childcare during this time.
- Please log on to www.newmexicokids.org for more information and a link to the application.
- Please let your front desk staff know.

We appreciate your patience and support as our staff continue to provide a vital service to our community under stressful circumstances.

Wishing your family well,

The Executive Staff of Southwest Child Care