

## COVID-19 Business Update

Friday, April 10, 2020



Dear Southwest Families,

It is an honor to continue to serve families of Essential Employees during this health emergency. We continue to do our best to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our staff and children. We also continue to receive direction and guidance from our state regulators - CYFD and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD.)

- We have recently begun receiving children at the front door to minimize outside exposure within the building. Thank you for waiting at the front door and having us check your children in and out for you.
- The CDC is in the process of publishing new guidance relating to personal protective equipment in childcare centers including face protection for adults and children. Additional considerations are being made for the person taking temperatures at drop-off time. Please do not be alarmed if you see our staff wearing additional protective gear. We will keep currently attending families informed of any requirements directly affecting their children. Please note: Face masks should never be placed on children 2 and under.
- We are happy to continue providing childcare services for Essential Employees. We are required to account for the children in attendance and how they qualify for continued care. Please understand that we cannot accept children if there is at least one non-essential employee in the home.
- We are partnering with families of currently attending school-age children to assist with schoolwork. Please see the separate memo specifically for parents of school-agers available at the center.
- Our pre-k teachers continue to offer daily virtual class meetings for children at home to provide an opportunity for children to maintain friendships and connections. These sessions are encouraged, but not mandatory! It is most important for families to do what is best for their children.
- Dr. Landen, a New Mexico epidemiologist, met with childcare providers this morning via Zoom and said, "Ultimately, handwashing is critical." We are constantly washing hands!
- Finally, back in December 2019, which seems like a lifetime ago, and long before this state of emergency, we ordered new signs for our Wyoming and Lomas locations. Our old signs were broken and faded. We are excited that they have finally arrived! Installation is taking place now.

We wish all our families continued health and safety and look forward to the day when we can serve all of you again,

*Your Southwest Child Care School Family*