

Face Covering Policy
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Staff: To slow the spread of COVID-19, program staff shall wear a face covering while serving children and interacting with parents and families.

- a. Program staff are required to wear a face covering whenever 6 feet of physical distancing is not possible.
- b. Programs are encouraged to consider the use of transparent face coverings to allow for the reading of facial expressions, which is important for child development.

Children: When possible, and at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child, programs should encourage wearing face coverings for children age 2 and older who can safely and appropriately wear, remove, and tolerate masks.

- a. When children can be safely kept at least 6 feet away from others, then they do not need to be encouraged to wear a face covering.
- b. Face coverings must not be worn while children are eating/drinking, sleeping, and napping. Strict and consistent physical distancing must always be practiced during these activities.
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- c. Face coverings need not be worn while engaging in active outdoor play as long as children are able to keep physical distance from others.
- d. Children 2 years of age and older must be supervised when wearing a mask. If wearing the face covering causes the child to touch their face more frequently, staff should reconsider whether the face covering is appropriate for the child.

Child's Name _____
(one for each child)

Please choose one:

_____ I will continue to send a mask with my child and understand that the teachers will do their best for it to be used appropriately when tolerable. I also understand that there may be children in the class who do not wear masks.

_____ I will not be sending a mask for my child.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____