

Rutgers-Livingston

Day Care Center



NJ's First Nationally Accredited Early Childhood Program

Safety Plan for COVID-19

June 2020

R-LDCC reopened on Monday, June 15 and will follow all guidance from the DCF May 29 document: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/Final.CC.Health.and.Safety.Standards.pdf>

Protecting the health and safety of children, staff and families will continue to guide our work, now and in the future. Specific steps to be taken are as follows:

Arrival/Drop-off

A designated staff greeter will meet families at the door and complete the entry checklist: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/AttachmentA-OOL.DailyLog.ofAttendance.and.HealthScreenings.pdf>

Family members dropping off their children will wear a cloth face covering, and will maintain social distancing along the entry ramp or stairs.

The greeter will assist each child to change to “indoor shoes” provided by the family and to wash hands before entering the assigned classroom. Children shall be encouraged to wear cloth face coverings within the Center.

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/AttachmentB.DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

Family members and other visitors will not be permitted to enter the Center until after 5:30.

Staff members will enter through the back door and complete the entry checklist. They will change shoes, wash hands and put on a cloth face covering before reporting to the assigned classroom.

The DCF Office of Licensing daily log will be completed each day by 11:00 AM; the information will be used to complete the online survey: *Daily Report for Child Care Centers Operations under Executive Order 149*.

Program

Group sizes will be 10 or fewer

Children and teachers will remain with the same group throughout the day

Children and staff shall practice frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and shall be required to wash their hands upon arriving at the center, when entering the classroom, when changing from one toy or activity to another, before meals or snacks, before and after outside time, after going to the bathroom, and prior to leaving for home. Children should be monitored EVERY TIME to ensure proper technique.

Close person to person contact (hugging, wrestling, games involving touching or tagging) shall be limited. We will redirect otherwise age-appropriate behavior, making it clear that extra caution is necessary at this time.

Sharing of supplies, food, toys and other high touch items (art supplies, school supplies, equipment etc.) must be strictly limited. We will ensure an adequate individual supply of school, art and other supplies to preclude the need for sharing of items.

Children's belongings will be kept separate in individual cubbies.

If items must be shared, they shall be used by one group at a time and cleaned and disinfected between uses.

Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures

R-LDCC will increase the frequency of cleaning toys, equipment, and surfaces, especially doorknobs, light switches, countertops, and restrooms. We will clean, sanitize, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, sink handles) multiple times per day and shared objects between use. Cleaning shall be in accordance with the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes:

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/Attachment-C-ReOpeningAmericaCleaningDisinfectionDecisionTool.pdf>

When the children are outdoors, windows will be opened to permit air exchange. The Sunbeam exhaust fan will be turned on.

Toys and items that are not easily cleaned or disinfected (e.g., soft or plush toys) will not be utilized in the center. Children may bring "loveys" from home but they may not be shared, and will be returned home with the child.

Toys that children have placed in their mouths or are contaminated by body secretion or excretion shall be set aside until they are cleaned by hand by a person wearing gloves. Clean with water and detergent, rinse, sanitize with an EPA-registered disinfectant (we typically use *Clorox Anywhere Hard Surface Sanitizing Spray*, EPA Reg. No. 67619-14) and air-dry or clean in the dishwasher.

Pick-Up

When the groups go outside in the afternoon, each child's belongings will be brought along in a tote bag and hung on the fence. A teacher will help each child to wash hands before escorting him/her to the gate, where the family member will be waiting. Honeybee families can pick up their children by the back playground.

If the groups must remain indoors, children will be escorted to wash hands, change shoes and meet their family member at the door.