

WELCOME TO THE NEW NORMAL:

With great happiness, I am delighted to tell you that effective June 1st, Little Village Preschool will be re-opening its doors after a long period of isolation. Many of you have reached out to us to let us know that you are excited too! As we all heard, the governor's orders were clear as to how centers could re-open and what the new guidelines are. Unfortunately, he is correct. Child care is not going to look like it used to for some time.

We have had to make some serious changes as a result of the governor's new guidelines regarding the number of children we may have in the building. We will be reaching out to all of our full time families first that are in a position to have to return to their physical place of work and/or do not have a spouse or significant other that is able to work from home. Once that is complete, if there are any part time openings, we will reach out to our part time families.

TEMPORARY CHANGES

Hours

Center hours will be adjusted for the immediate future. We will NOT be operating from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm. I will announce the new hours on Wednesday so be prepared for that when we contact you to return – if you cannot work around our new hours, you may have to find alternate arrangements until we are in a position to return to normal. This is necessary due to restrictions around re-grouping children in different rooms, and for the intense sanitation and cleaning that staff will perform daily. Our utmost concern is your child's safety and health.

Vacation

Our vacation policy will also temporarily change for the summer months (June – August), and families will not be permitted to sign their child out for any vacation days.

Communicable Disease/Tuition Policies

Our communicable disease policy and tuition policies have been amended, and all families will be required to sign off on the changes before they return. This addendum will include new pick up and drop off procedures for families. I will make the document available to families once I finalize it on Wednesday, May 20th. (Tuition rates may also increase but I will make that determination as well shortly and will keep you posted.)

Classroom Arrangement

We are re-designing our classrooms, which will include installation of 6 foot temporary walls between groups. We will do this in our toddler, preschool and Pre K rooms. The infant room will also look different as we will rearrange to separate two groups of infants. Lead teaching staff will be involved in the "new" set up of their classrooms, and we will be contacting staff shortly to discuss and get that process started. Children in different groups will have as little contact with each other as possible, but they will use common areas such as the bathrooms and outside facilities.

NEW FAMILIES

No new children will be accepted to the center until we are able to accommodate all returning full and part time LVP families. Families on our waiting list who have paid their deposits may contact me for a refund should they be unable to wait this out.

SCHOOLAGE PROGRAM

A schoolage summer program has become an impossibility at this moment, and we will not accept any schoolagers until all other LVP families have been contacted for a return date. The center will suspend tours, field trips, nor will any special event days that involve families be permitted for the next few months as well.

I wish there was a fairer way to do this, but given the circumstances, I am trying to accommodate as many families as possible and I hope you will bear with us as we open up in phases. At this point, I am anxious to get back to work and to enjoy some time with the children that I have missed so much during this shutdown. Stay tuned and as always, feel free to contact us or email at lvp0711@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

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