

## Grandma's House

### COVID-19: Health and Safety Policy Amendment (Rev. 8/5/2021)

**\*\* These policies will be followed regardless of vaccination status.**

The safety and well-being of all staff, children, and the families at Grandma's House continues to be of utmost importance to us. We will always commit to taking all precautions toward keeping children and staff safe and healthy, especially during this COVID-19 outbreak. Families who fail to follow these guidelines will be dismissed from Grandma's House immediately.

#### To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Children and Staff with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to others with COVID-19 or ANY signs or symptoms of COVID-19, will be asked to stay home.
- Children who develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19 while at the program will be immediately separated from others and the program staff will contact the family member and/or emergency contact to pick the child up.
- We encourage families to practice frequent handwashing at home.
- Grandma's House will practice handwashing upon arrival to the program, before meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, after nose blowing or assisting a child with blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, throw tissues in the trash, and clean hands with soap and water.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

Children and Staff will be monitored for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 daily. **Children and Staff will be asked to stay home or return home if any of the following applies:**

- Have been tested for COVID-19 OR have a household member tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results.
  - Children and Staff may return to Grandma's House if results are negative. If results are positive, children/staff may return after they have been released by their local public health department.\*\*
- Have a fever.
  - If fever is due to normal childhood conditions, such as teething or getting shots, child may return after 24-hours fever free with no medications. A doctor's note may be required to return to the center.
  - If fever is due to other diagnosed contagious condition (e.g., strep throat), child/staff may return in accordance with [Childhood Communicable Diseases Wall Chart](#). A doctor's note is required to return to the center.
  - If fever is due to other diagnosed non-contagious condition (e.g., ear infection), child/staff may return after 24-hours fever free with no medications. A doctor's note is required to return to the center.
  - For all other cases, please contact your local health department. Child/staff may return after they have been released from quarantine by their local health department.\*\*
- Have other potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, persistent cough, chills, rash, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, or diarrhea. Please contact your local health department for guidance.
  - Children and Staff may return to Grandma's House after they have been released from quarantine by their local public health department. If health department does not have guidance, children and staff may return after 24-hours symptom-free without the use of medication.
- Have been designated a close contact to a person testing positive for COVID-19. Please contact your local health department for guidance.
  - Children and Staff may return to Grandma's House after they have been released from quarantine by their local public health department.\*\*

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### If an enrolled child or employee tests positive for COVID-19:

- The local public health department and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) will be contacted. We will follow their guidance for next steps.
  - Children and Staff may return to Grandma's House after they have been released from quarantine by their local public health department. \*\*
  
- Grandma's House will post and notify families of any confirmed staff or child cases of COVID-19 that affect staff or children at the center.

*\*\*In accordance with new DHS quarantine guidelines effective 12/7/2020, quarantined staff/children may return to the center after a 10-day quarantine. Upon return, staff/children must be 100% symptom free without the use of medications. Staff/children must continue to monitor for signs/symptoms for 14 days. DHS still recommends a 14-day quarantine as the safest option after exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. Grandma's House will NOT accept the return of staff/children after a 7-day quarantine with negative test results.*

*If we require any child to quarantine, we will credit your tuition. This is an exception to our normal Sick Policy. Rest assured that we will work with all families to ensure the health and safety of everyone at our centers.*