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UNF Preschool COVID-19 Policy

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The UNF Preschool has developed the following policies to address enhanced health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following policies must be reviewed, acknowledged and followed by all our families and staff and will supplement the UNF Preschool Parent Handbook.

UNF Preschool COVID-19 Policy

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. The following policy applies to UNF Preschool staff, children and their household members. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission, we are taking the following precautionary measures:

Your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household* has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):**

- a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19
- b) Traveled:
 - Internationally;
 - Domestically, from an area which is experiencing widespread community transmission of COVID-19 (as identified by the CDC); or from any area which is the subject of similar travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

14 days after the last potential exposure, your household may return provided these three things have happened:

- a) At least 7 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms; **and**
- b) Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved); **and**
- c) The household has been fever-free for at least 48 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain medical clearance before returning to the center (see Illness policy).

***HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:** include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

****CLOSE CONTACT:** is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19. **FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:** If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective

equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), that contact will NOT be considered close contact for purposes of this policy.

UNF Preschool Health Check and Illness Policy - COVID 19

Applies to staff, children and their household members, which states in part:

ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER.

Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center:

- fever of 99.7 degrees Fahrenheit or higher with a non-contact thermometer or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher with a temporal thermometer, now or in the preceding 48 hours
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- chills
- loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- diarrhea

Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 14 days unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must be from the child's pediatrician (or for family members, a physician note must come from a physician outside of the family).

If a physician confirms that your child is ill with a non-COVID-19 illness, they may return to the center when they have been symptom free for 24 hours without medication as per our regular school illness policy.

ALL STAFF AND CHILDREN WILL BE SCREENED PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CENTER AND AT ANY PRESENTATION OF SYMPTOMS.

Staff and children will be screened using the following methods:

- Visual inspection for signs of infection which could include flushed cheeks, fussiness, lethargy, cough, etc.
- Temperature will be taken
- Self-checklist (to be filled out by drop-off person)

If any of the above symptoms are present the child will not be allowed to attend.

If your child becomes sick at school, they will be isolated from the group and kept comfortable until they are picked up.

All sick children must be picked up with 1 hour of notification.

**By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the UNF
Preschool's Health Check and Illness Policy- COVID 19.**

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____