

Family First Learning Center

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Policies & Information

Like individuals, schools and childcare centers have been encouraged by the CDC to make plans for a possible outbreak of the new Covid-19 coronavirus in our area. This is our plan to keep our students safe in case of an outbreak. We will update it as more information becomes available.

Infection Prevention by Exclusion

Children or Staff returning from outbreak areas as defined by the CDC should be excluded from care for a 14 day period (see CDC guidance). Please let us know if you are travelling internationally. Students excluded for 14 days will not owe tuition for that period.

We will follow our regular exclusion policy including exclusion for respiratory symptoms with a fever. The fever must be gone for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school.

As the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics develop guidance for schools and child care centers we will adopt those policies.

Additionally, if an outbreak of Covid-19 occurs in Michigan please let us know if you have a household member that is ill.

Infection Prevention by Handwashing

Due to a recent article showing that liquid hand soap removes 40% more germs than foaming hand soap, we are switching to liquid soap in our bathrooms and handwashing sinks. Handwashing is an effective way to reduce or prevent the spread of infections.

Our policies require that Children and Staff Wash Hands:

- Upon arrival
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After being exposed to body fluids (Blowing noses, Potty accidents, illness)
- After coughing or sneezing into them
- When soiled.

Additionally staff washes:

- After using cleaners or bleach
- Before and after giving medication to children
- After removing gloves

Teach Coughing Etiquette

We teach this at school and you can help by teaching it at home. Teach children to cover coughs, but not with their hands! If you cough or sneeze into your hands you spread infection with every object that you touch. Instead cough or sneeze into your elbow/sleeve. It is also acceptable to use a tissue to cough or sneeze into if immediately thrown away afterwards.



Infection Prevention by Routine Disinfection

Toys and surfaces are sanitized in a bleach-water solution and allowed to dry on a rotating basis. We will accelerate that schedule in the event of a Covid-19 outbreak. When the Plymouth-Canton schools closed for the H1N1 flu in 2009, we closed also and sanitized every toy and surface in the center. If the outbreak warrants it, that is another option.

Masks

Wear a mask if instructed by your doctor or health department. Improper use of a mask makes it ineffective. Masks are needed for first responders and hospital personnel.

Infection Prevention by Temporary Closure

The CDC has stated that school and daycare closures may be a part of their containment efforts for this virus. We will close under the following circumstances:

- When instructed by the health department, or other state or local agencies
- When other local schools and facilities close if warranted
- If there are cases in our school and CDC, APA or other guidelines recommend closure under those circumstances.

In the event of a long required closure, tuition will be waived.

Please reach out to us if needed for questions or reassurance.

This policy will continue to be updated as the situation develops. It will be added to and updated in the Parent Handbook.