

2021 Husky House Pandemic Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

Husky House has implemented the following additional policies for families in compliance with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), California Community Care Licensing (CCLD) and the California Department of Public Health (CaDPH) guidelines. The information in this document supersedes any information included in previous Family Handbooks.

- **Do not bring your child to Husky House if any family member has any signs or symptoms of any illness, including, but not limited to:** fever, flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), runny nose, coughing, fatigue, or extreme fussiness. If we assess that your child is not well enough to attend, we will be unable to accept them into the program until the child is symptom free for 72 hours according to health department guidelines.
- If your child becomes ill while at Husky, they will rest in the office while you are contacted and required to pick up within 30 minutes.
- If we have any cases of COVID-19 from families, staff members, or within our center in any way, we will notify the families, licensing, county health department and the district. We will work closely with the health department to create a plan and families will be given direction at that time for next steps.
- We continue to maintain limited entry inside our buildings. Husky House employees and enrolled children will be allowed in the center on a regular basis. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact us.

NOTE: Husky House will be prepared to have the children practice social and physical distancing to the extent possible if required. Please be aware that even with a reduced number of children, we are not always able to create 6 feet of space.

*Health & Wellness Acknowledgement – by bringing your child to Husky House you acknowledge that your child does not exhibit any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, sore throat. You also acknowledge that your child: is not ill with a respiratory illness; has not travelled to areas with widespread, sustained community transmission in the last 14 days; has not had contact with someone with either a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or under investigation for COVID-19.

Afternoon Departure

- Husky House Teachers will escort children to the side turnaround at their scheduled pickup time. Please wait at your vehicle until we bring your child to you.
 - If you will be arriving before the end of program day, please call Husky when you are about 10 minutes away so we may help your child get ready to go.

Transitions To & From HVE Classrooms

- Children returning from school will undergo a Health & Wellness Check: visual assessment for symptoms and taking of temperature.
 - Husky House teachers will meet and perform the Health & Wellness Check for TK & Ks at the Husky House Staging Area outside of Room 2 before escorting them down to the Husky Pup Room.

Outside

- Children and teachers will wash hands before transitioning outdoors.
- When returning indoors, all children and teachers will wash hands prior to resuming activities.

Children

- Children are required to wear facemasks, especially when indoors. Please provide your child with a facemask at drop-off.
 - It is possible to provide mask-free time outdoors if children are able to maintain sufficient, safe physical distance.

- In warm weather, it is likely that Husky House teachers will provide water-play during the day.
- Please, NO personal items/toys from home.

Teachers:

- Have all completed the CDC Training regarding COVID-19, “Guidance for Childcare Programs that Remain Open”; “Keeping your Children and Staff Safe During the Time of COVID-19” from the California Childcare Health Program; and “Integrated Pest Management in the School and Child Care Settings” from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- Will wear masks as required by health guidelines.
- Will take their temperature prior to arrival at Husky and will stay home for a minimum of 72 hours if they have a temperature of 100° or above.
- Will not come to work if they have any symptoms or exposure risks as listed on the Health & Wellness Acknowledgement.
- Will wash hands upon arrival for work and follow all health and safety guidelines provided by CDC, Health Department and CCLD to prevent the spread of COVID-19 regarding: how the illness is spread, prevention measures, symptoms, and when to seek medical attention for sick children or employees.
- Will follow cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing procedures of facility and materials throughout the day.
- Will do overall disinfecting throughout the day, including, but not limited to:
 - Tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches and other high-touch areas throughout the classroom.
 - Door handles, sink basin edge, sink faucet & handles, soap dispensers, and paper towel holder.
 - After each use, both child and adult bathrooms: sink basin edge, sink faucet & handles, soap dispenser, toilet flush lever, toilet seat lid, paper towel holder.
 - Used Toy & Materials Bins, at the end of each day, before being rotated back into use.
- Will have all children wash their hands frequently throughout the day and at the following times:
 - At arrival to childcare center.
 - Prior to transitioning to a new activity area.
 - Before and after eating.
 - After toileting.
 - After coughing or sneezing.
 - After touching face.
- Will give reminders to wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Will observe social and physical distancing, as recommended, at work to the extent possible.
- Will be required to observe social and physical distancing, as recommended, while off work.

Communication:

- All families will be updated via email, text or phone of new information, guidelines or health department directives as they arise.
- Please call the center with any timely communication. 925-283-7100
- If, outside of hours of operation, you have notice of potential exposure, please call the Director’s mobile directly 925-658-2506.

Fever is defined as subjective fever (feeling feverish) or a measured temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. Note that fever may be intermittent or may not be present in some people, such as those who are elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications (e.g., NSAIDs). From the CDC’s [“Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission”](#)