



General Summer Care Information 2020

Husky House Children's Center

WELCOME TO SUMMER CARE AT HUSKY HOUSE! The following is a list of information regarding our summer program. Helping your child prepare for summer by reading the items listed below together will help to ensure they have the best summer experience possible!

- ❗ We ask that children come to Husky dressed for creative, messy, summer fun! For their safety, we also ask that they come with a good pair of sneakers for outdoor play. During particularly messy projects, we will do our best to protect children's clothing but ask that parents keep in mind the inevitable outcome of creative play. We suggest you send a spare change of clothing just in case.
- ❗ Husky Pups (entering TK or Kindergarten) in particular should come dressed in their swimwear and already have sunscreen applied. If your older child is going to participate in water fun, they should also come dressed in water-friendly clothing.
- ❗ There will be water play activities available every day, weather permitting. It is recommended that daily, in addition to wearing or bringing their swimsuit to Husky, children should bring the following with them...
 - water shoes (aqua socks, jellies, sandals, etc.)
 - a hat or light cover up as a physical barrier to the sunshine
 - dry under garments & clothing to change into every day

Note: It is our experience that even if a child says they do not wish to play in the water, once the water play equipment comes out (ex; water balloons, squirt bottles, wading pool, etc.) they change their mind and wish they had a swimsuit!

Sun Safety and Nutrition

- ❗ Sun Safety is a top priority! We ask you to apply sunscreen to your child(ren) before their arrival. We will keep a supply of Rocky Mountain sunscreen (SPF 30) on hand for application throughout the day. **You MUST sign a sunscreen permission form prior to camp.** Using the Sunscreen Permission Form, please notify us in writing if you do not wish for sunscreen to be applied to your child(ren). Staff will also remind children many times throughout each day to drink plenty of water. We encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about the importance of sun safety.
- ❗ Your child(ren)'s nutrition is important to us! Please see our Nutrition Policy on our website for details regarding our guidelines. We provide two snacks daily at 9:30 & 1:30.
- ❗ **Husky House is an Allergen Aware center. Please send a NUT-FREE lunch daily.** Lunch-time is typically from 11:30 - 12:00, but may vary slightly on any given day due to programming needs. **We ask that you provide lunches that do not require microwaving as it poses both a safety issue and can take staff attention away from the children.**

Call us with questions at (925) 283-7100

Child Care For Essential Workers – New Husky House 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 Contra Costa Health Services 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.
- Children are required to be in stable groups of 12 or fewer. Siblings regardless of age will be groups together. Children will be assigned with teachers specific to their assigned room and will remain with those teachers throughout the day, each day, to maintain a stable group. Groups will not mix.
- 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.
- Only Husky House employees and enrolled children will be allowed in the center. We also request only one person come to drop off & pick up, and ideally, the same person will do both drop off and pick up, to the extent possible.

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

Morning Arrival

- Take both your temperature & your child's temperature each morning before arriving. You must not come to the program if either of you have a temperature of 100° or higher. CDC guidelines state 100.4°, but Husky House policy is 100°.
- Please call 925-283-7100 when you arrive at the Husky turnaround. We will meet you at your vehicle. The teacher will be wearing a mask, face shield and gloves to perform a health & wellness* check before accepting your child.

*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.

- Once you have acknowledged the health & wellness agreement verbally, and we are confident that we are able to accept your child, your child will be escorted to their classroom. Only the children and teachers assigned to a classroom will enter those buildings.
- Each child will have an assigned *cubby*. The only items that may come from home are a change of clothes/bathing suit in a sealable, plastic bag and lunch in single-use container or bag. Readers of chapter books may bring a new book that may remain in their cubby until their last day of care or completion of

the book. An iPad, e-reader and headphones will also be allowed for older children and should come enclosed in a separate sealable, plastic bag.

- o Due to current safety precautions, we cannot accept lunch deliveries later in the day. Your child must arrive with a lunch at drop-off.
- o Due to current safety precautions, we cannot offer warmups of lunch foods, and as always, we are a NUT-FREE program.

Afternoon Departure

- Please call Husky when you are about 10 minutes away so we may help your child get ready to go. Please wait at your vehicle until we bring your child to you.
- Children and teacher escorts will wash hands before coming to you.
- At times, your child may reuse their lunch bag to transport small projects home.

Classrooms

- Social and Physical distancing as recommended by public health departments will be maintained to the best of our ability within the small stable groups of 12 children per room.
- Tables have been separated and table spots assigned allowing for 1-2 per table depending on size of table.
- Distancing will be maintained on floor areas.
- Available toys & manipulatives are in bins/baskets/trays. When a child is done with the item, they will be directed to place in the bin labeled "used toys". Staff will disinfect these toys at end of day before they are rotated back into use.
- We have posted signs throughout Husky as visual reminders for children and staff to wash hands, maintain physical distance and to follow cough/sneeze etiquette.

Outside

- Children and teachers will wash hands before transitioning outdoors.
- Each group will have their own outdoor play equipment which will be disinfected daily and which will not be shared between groups.
- All playground climbing and play structures are off limits until further notice.
- Children will be required to follow social and physical distancing to the extent possible while playing outdoors and will be allowed to play non-contact games.
- When returning indoors, all children and teachers will wash hands prior to resuming activities.

Children

- Children are not required to wear facemasks. However, if you would like your child to wear one, please let us know and provide them with a facemask at drop-off.
- Children assigned to the Husky Pup Room should arrive at Husky dressed in their swimsuit and have sunscreen applied. They may wear clothing over their suit for comfort. Children assigned to the Huskies Main Room who wish to participate in water play should also come dressed in their swim clothing.
- Bring a change of clothes in a sealable, plastic bag to leave at Husky.
- Your child will have an assigned cubby, chair, and table spot.
- Husky House will provide age-appropriate, individual art & school supplies for each child in their cubby that will remain at the program, ready for their use only.
- Please, NO personal items from home other than previously noted in the Morning Arrival section.
- If your child cannot follow the guidelines put forth, they will not be able to continue attendance.

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 curriculum throughout the day.
- Will do overall disinfecting throughout the day, including, but not limited to:
 - o Tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches and other high-touch areas throughout the classroom.
 - o Door handles, sink basin edge, sink faucet & handles, soap dispensers, and paper towel holder.
 - o 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.
 - o 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:
 - o At arrival to childcare center.
 - o Prior to transitioning to a new activity area.
 - o Before and after eating.
 - o After toileting.
 - o After coughing or sneezing.
 - o After touching face.
- Will give reminders to wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Will observe social and physical distancing at work to the extent possible.
- Will be required to observe social and physical distancing 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”](#)