



CHILD FACE COVERINGS POLICY

Face coverings cannot be worn by children younger than 2 years old, and are **optional** for children between 2 and 5. Program staff will have a very limited role in children's use of a face covering. If you choose to have your child wear a face covering, it will be your responsibility to teach him/her how to use it independently, and you must provide one for my child to wear at the center.

Child Safety:

- Face coverings must not be worn by children younger than 2 years old.
- Face coverings must not be worn by children who have trouble breathing.
- Face coverings must not be worn by children who require assistance to put it on or remove it.
- Face coverings must not be worn by children when napping.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Ensure your child can independently use their face covering.
- Provide a face covering for your child to wear that fits appropriately.
- Ensure daily that your child's face covering is clean and not visibly soiled.
- Ensure your child understands your expectations of using the face covering while at school.

Staff Role:

- Staff will communicate with you as needed, regarding your child's use of a face covering.
- Staff will not force your child to wear their face covering if they remove it while at school.
- Staff are not responsible for assisting your child in putting on or removing their face covering.
- Staff may provide occasional reminders to your child about their face covering if needed, and can help your child learn where to keep their face covering at school when it is not being used (i.e. during mealtimes).