

## Crossroads Childcare Health and Safety Policy Fall 2020

We want you to know that we value the safety and well-being of you and your child(ren). Crossroads Childcare has adopted the following plan, which utilizes guidelines from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC), to protect staff, children, and their families from the spread of COVID-19.

Just as we desire to worship safely, we have made the following changes to ensure our children and Childcare Providers are kept safe. We ask you to adhere to the following as we begin to bring our children back to church.

1. A reservation will be needed so we can have the appropriate staff available. Strict guidelines will be encouraged regarding the limiting ages of at least 4 weeks to three years old.
2. One parent drop-off (if possible)
3. Temperature checks, using a no-touch forehead thermometer, will be taken on all **Childcare Providers and children** prior to them entering the childcare rooms.
4. If your child is ill, they should remain at home.
  - Parents should be on the alert for any symptoms of COVID-19 or flu/like symptoms. In addition, a child with a household member who has any of the symptoms below are asked to stay home.
    - Fever reading of 100.4 or higher OR a temperature over 98.6 along with subjective signs such as flushed cheeks, fatigue, extreme fussiness, chills, shivering, sweating, achiness, headache, not eating or drinking
    - Persistent cough unrelated to allergies
    - Diarrhea/Loose stool
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Eyes that are pink and goopy
    - **\*\*Runny nose – clear or thick and green. A runny nose can be a sign of COVID. Even if the discharge is clear, keep your child home and monitor your child's symptoms for the next 48 hours. If symptoms persist or worsen, we ask that you take your child to see the pediatrician and get a note confirming it is a cold or allergies before the child returns to childcare.**

5. Any child who is unwell will be asked to return home with the parent/caregiver. Those who become unwell during the time in childcare will be immediately isolated, and the parent/caregiver will be contacted to come and pick up their child within several minutes of being notified.
6. Upon arrival and prior to walking to the childcare area, parents/caregivers are asked to use the hand sanitizer and apply hand sanitizer to any children ages 2 years old and older.
7. All Childcare Providers will complete a COVID screening form and have their temperature checked prior to beginning work in the childcare area.
8. Your child does not need to wear a mask (under the age of 5.)

**Extra Safety Procedures in place:**

1. Staff will wear face coverings.
2. Cleaning and disinfecting will be intensified.
  - a. Small toys will be removed from the nursery. Children should not bring their own toys.
  - b. Toys that cannot be sanitized will not be used.
  - c. Toys that a child puts in their mouth will be removed and sanitized on site.
  - d. Workers will sanitize hands after touching each child.
3. Childcare Providers will sanitize hands before and after children enter/leave the childcare rooms.
4. Policy will be posted at door.
5. Diapering stations will be sanitized before and after use. Nursery workers will wear gloves.
6. Drinks will only be given in a cup brought from home appropriately labeled with child's name. No food will be given unless brought in a container marked with the child's name.
7. Childcare Providers will not be allowed to work if they have had a fever within the last 24/hours or are exhibiting symptoms of coughing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache,

new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.