



**ROMEO
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

COVID-19 Response Plan

Dear Parent/Guardian,

5/10/22

RCS Early Childhood Services Department will perform the following protocols when children are enrolled in our Preschool, Discovery childcare, GSRP, or SACC programs as we are instructed by LARA, our local/state health departments, and Romeo Community Schools

Hours of operation at all SACC locations and Croswell Discovery Programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic are 6:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday - Friday to follow CDC & LARA cleaning guidelines.

Isolation and Quarantine Guidance:

A child or an adult is isolated when the person has been infected with COVID-19 and has tested positive, even if there are no symptoms.

A child or an adult is quarantined when the person has possibly been exposed to a child/adult with COVID-19.

Monitoring Symptoms of COVID-19:

- ***If a child is waiting on a COVID-19 test result before school or the program begins, do not have your child start until a negative test result is provided _____ initials***
- Daily temperatures will be taken upon arrival for each child and employee. Temperature above 100.4, the child/staff will have to leave the building and return home. The individual can not return until either fever-free without medication for 24 hours unless seen by a doctor and a note is provided that the child/employee does not have COVID-19.
- If a child shows symptoms of fever, cough, runny nose, headache, or loss of taste and smell do not send your child to school (or an adult come to work)
- Children should not attend any public school program (preschool, childcare, GSRP, or SACC) if COVID-19 positive

For children under the age of 2 who are symptomatic; exposed to someone in the home as close contact, or test positive for COVID-19.

- A child should isolate for 10 full days as the child is unable to wear a face covering under the age of two, per LARA guidelines.

- Croswell will then contact trace within the child care program to identify close contacts of the person who is positive.

For a child over the age of 3 to adults who test positive for COVID-19:

- They must stay home for 5 days (from the date of last exposure) and isolate at home, **THEN** return to school days 6-10 and wear a mask (until symptoms are not better).

Social Distancing in the classrooms:

- Each classroom will have its own bag of outside or gym equipment. These items will be cleaned and sanitized by staff after each use
- No personal toys or games are allowed in the building
- Some cloth items have been removed from classroom use (puppets, dress-up clothes, etc). The center has a washer and dryer to clean soiled items if/when used
- Some wooden blocks have been downsized or removed from classroom use unless teachers clean blocks individually with wipes
- Large gym or outside play spaces will be designated for individual classroom use only

Hygiene, Cleaning & Disinfecting:

- Staff will walk child/ren to/from the classroom in Preschool and GSRP
- Staff will assist and have all children wash their hands before getting involved in classroom activities.
- Manipulatives are divided into multiple bins and will be disinfected and sanitized daily and left to air dry overnight
- Children are provided an AM and PM cold snack each day. Parents can provide their own healthy lunch daily (**no peanut or tree nut items**)
- Parents will provide an ice pack to keep any items cold until eaten
- Lunch tables will have fewer children sitting at the table for social distancing
- Each classroom teacher will determine mealtime based on daily routine
- Staff will disinfect, rinse and sanitize supplies, materials, tables, chairs, shelves, and equipment daily before any Early Childhood Program begins. and then again after each program finishes for the day.
- The custodians will spray each classroom with a Clorox sprayer after the center is closed every night
- Custodians will disinfect and sanitize the 9 touchpoints in the building daily every twice a day per ABM guidelines

Health & Safety:

- Romeo Community Schools recommends all employees to wear a face covering. The district provides face coverings and/or face shields for employees or children if they do not have one and would like one
- Employees and/or children who have a medical reason to not have to wear a face-covering must have written documentation from their physician on file. This is only enforced if face coverings or shields return as a mandatory requirement.

Reporting Symptoms or positive COVID-19 cases:

- If a child or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, deep cough, shortness of breath, headache, etc), the parent will be contacted to pick up their child as soon as possible. The Center will encourage the child or staff member to contact their physician or be tested for COVID-19
- The Center will report the information to the health department and the licensing consultant to receive support on next steps
- ***The Center is required to notify the classroom families if a positive COVID-19 test occurs in the classroom without compromising the privacy of the child/adult.***

Social-Emotional Resources:

- Crisis Parent and Caregiver Guide: from the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund
- Talking with Children about COVID-19, from the CDC
- Helping Young Children Through COVID-19, from Zero to Thrive (Arabic and Spanish translations)
- Georgie and the Giant Germ, from Zero to THrive and Tender Press Books
- Feeling books and posters
- Muvlee Yoga for kids (on Youtube)
- Journaling Daily (15 minutes)

Child’s Name: _____ Program: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director’s Signature: _____ Date: _____