

Face Masks

WHY: **"My mask protects you, your mask protects me."** The virus can be spread between people interacting in close proximity – examples, speaking, singing, eating or sneezing. You could spread COVID – 19 to others even if you do not feel sick or have symptoms.

All adults and children in Early Learning Programs are expected to wear masks. You will not be allowed to enter or stay without a mask. You are expected to wear your mask when you leave the building. If staff have significant hardship with wearing masks, staff should notify their supervisor and/or an HR representative.

How to Properly Wear Face Mask



- Masks should cover your mouth and nose
- Masks should not be worn damp or when wet from spit or mucus. For this reason, it is recommended to have a back-up mask available.
- To remove the mask: remove it from behind, do not touch the front of mask.
- The wearer should immediately wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after removing/replacing the mask.
- **Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.**

Children and Masks: Children over the age of 2 who are able to remove a face covering without assistance, are required to wear masks while in school. We recognize that getting younger children to be comfortable wearing face coverings and to keep them on may take some time and practice. Teachers will be supporting children to learn about masks, and practice wearing them so that when they go out in public where masks are required, they have skills to participate. We are asking families to send in a mask that their child is comfortable with so we can use that at different times of the day. Please write your child's name on the brown bag the mask comes to school in, as well as on the mask in permanent marker.