

Little Scout Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to Little Scouts! Our top priority is returning to a healthy and safe environment for all our children, teachers, and parents. Unfortunately, it seems highly likely that COVID-19 will continue to be a threat into this school year. With that in mind, we have been working hard to implement changes and procedures that will minimize the risk to our children, staff, and families.

The following are just a few of the safety measures we will take at school upon re-opening.

- Immediately upon entering the school, EVERYONE must use hand sanitizer to clean their hands.
- Masks or face coverings will be worn by everyone except for children under age 2. Each child will provide their own mask that must be brought home and washed daily. Please keep an extra mask at school. Children will remove their masks while playing outside, eating, and napping.
- All children and staff will have a pair of shoes to be left at school as designated 'school shoes' and will change into them upon arrival each day.
- Children will not be combined with other classes at any point.
- Each child will have their own box of coloring supplies.
- Until further notice we will not be playing in shared water tables or sensory bins. We will also not be sharing playdough.
- Enhanced cleaning standards include hourly disinfecting of high touch areas such as doorknobs, counters, light switches, and tables.
- NO food from home will be allowed to be eaten at Little Scouts, with the exception of infants. We know that this may alter your morning routine, but breakfast needs to be eaten at home.
- Cot sheets will be laundered twice a week by staff. Parents will provide a clean blanket which will remain at the school for the week. There will be no stuffed animals or pillows allowed.
- NO TOYS from home will be brought into the school. We are trying to minimize contact points, so please only bring to school items that are necessary.
- Children should bring a personal use water bottle to school each day. Water bottles MUST be taken home each evening for cleaning/disinfecting.
- Dress up clothing, soft toys and books have been removed from the classroom.

Drop Off/Pick Up:

At this time, one only parent/caregiver will be allowed into the building upon drop off/pick up. In addition to this, please be sure to follow social distancing protocols. We respectfully ask that you do not linger in the school during drop off or pick up.

1. Upon arrival, please use hand sanitizer for you and your child.
2. Each parent/guardian will fill out the wellness check on the Brightwheel application.
3. Please proceed to your child's classroom, and help them change from their home shoes into their school shoes. The shoes will be kept in the cubbies, which are outside of the classroom. Place the home shoes on the top of the cubby until pick-up time. Sign your child in on the Brightwheel application. Your child's temperature will be taken at the classroom entrance by their teacher. Once your child is cleared lovingly and confidently say goodbye to your child at the door to the classroom. At this time, except for the Infant Room, parents are NOT allowed into our classrooms. Once your child enters the classroom, the teacher will help them wash their hands at the sink.
4. Once your child is dropped off, please exit the building immediately. Do not linger in the hallway to give other families the opportunity to drop off.

Pick-Up:

Each adult entering Little Scouts will complete the LFHS Visitor Health Screening Form. Upon completion, you will receive via email a "Cleared to Enter" check. Please show this to our security guard before entering the building. We ask that only one parent enter the building at pick-up time, unless you are picking up 2 or more children.

Communication

When your child is in the classroom you will not have the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will contact you when they have the opportunity to let you know how your child is doing. If there are any changes in your contact information for the day please email the teachers to let them know. It is important to keep this information up to date in case we need to reach you. Please feel free to email or call with any questions or concerns. Our teachers will be using the Brightwheel application throughout the day to communicate with you.

Sick Policy

- If your child exhibits a temperature of 100.4 or above, or other signs of illness they will be isolated with a staff member and must be picked up within 30 minutes.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headache, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Our illness policy, as instructed by IDPH and DCFS is that a child or staff member who is **not infected** with COVID-19, and has **no known exposure** to COVID-19, must be fever free without the use of medication for 72 hours before they will be allowed back to school. A doctor's note will have to be provided stating that there is no clinical suspicion of COVID-19.

- If the child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she is not to return to the Little Scouts until ALL three of the following are met:
 1. Individual is free from fever without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 72 hours.
 2. Individual's symptoms, including cough, have improved.
 3. It has been at least 10 days since the onset of the individual's illness.
- The CDC recommends that any child or staff with close contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) to a person suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19 be excluded from the school for **14 days** and monitored for symptoms. If symptoms develop, they are encouraged to be evaluated and tested for COVID-19.

Please return the signature page, located on the last page of this letter, to your child's teacher. In the meantime, please help us keep our children and staff safe by following our procedures and notifying us of any possible COVID-19 exposure experienced by your family. While we have several precautions in place, we do not expect that young children will be able to effectively maintain distance 100% of the time, and we need your help to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. We are in this together! And we are so happy to have our halls filled with children again!

I have read the Covid-19 policies and procedures and will adhere to the guidelines.

I understand that the guidelines may change according to the latest CDC and DCFS guidelines and will be notified of such change.

Parent Signature

Date

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