

GSL Early Learning Programs 2020-2021

COVID-19 Preparedness Plans

School Readiness Preschool

- Follow MDE, MDH, and CDC Guidelines
- Limit class sizes to 16
- Place students in “cohorts”, group students from same daycares, same families, etc. in the same class.
- Limit interaction between students/staff in different classrooms
- Staff wear face shields and/or cloth face masks
- Have parents screen children for COVID symptoms before arrival at ECLC and keep kids home when ill
- Encourage parent transportation if possible to limit numbers of students on buses/vans
- Change student drop off/pick up procedure: parents will pull up to curb and ECLC staff will escort students into/from building
- Increase time spent outdoors and in Outdoor Classroom for learning time
- Implement cleaning procedures for playground equipment (continue daily use of playground, motor room, and Silver gym)
- Increase hand-washing and hand-sanitizing for students and staff
- Intensify cleaning and disinfecting procedures for classrooms, toys, and classroom supplies
- Prepare an area in ECLC Library to isolate a sick child while waiting to be picked up from preschool (under staff supervision)
- Develop plans for the event of staff absences
- Train staff and implement use of SeeSaw to improve parent/school communication

Early Childhood Screening

- Follow MDE and MDH Guidelines
- Screening must align with district (K-12 in-person or hybrid = live in-person screening; K-12 distance learning = screening by online or phone)
- Intensify cleaning and disinfecting procedures for screening equipment
- Try to have paperwork completed and/or data collected prior to parents arriving onsite
- Maintain staggered arrival times and limit movement throughout the facility (i.e. Parent/child stay in same room with same screening staff for appointment).
- Limit it to one adult/child; strongly encouraged to leave siblings at home.

ECFE

- Follow MDE, MDH, and CDC Guidelines
- Limit class sizes
- Limit interaction between students/staff in different classrooms
- Staff wear face shields and/or cloth face masks
- Have parents screen children for COVID symptoms before arrival at ECLC and stay home when ill
- Increase time spent outdoors and in Outdoor Classroom for learning time
- Increase hand-washing and hand-sanitizing for students and staff
- Intensify cleaning and disinfecting procedures for classrooms, toys, and classroom supplies
- Plan online classes as a new option for families
- Train staff and implement use of Google Classroom as a tool for both in-person and online classes
- Limit in-person special events due to size/inability for proper social distancing
- Create "Zoom" or Google Meet special events
- Develop plans for the event of staff absences