



Kiddie Kollege Early Childhood Center

FACE MASK POLICY & PROCEDURES (August 2020)

Policy:

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Studies on infection control show that these droplets usually travel around 6 feet (about two arms lengths). The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Cloth face coverings may slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Parents and children over the age of 2 years of age benefit from wearing cloth face coverings (masks). Children under the age of 2 years and anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear masks. Due to the CDC guidance and new IDPH guidance, **Kiddie Kollege is now required to enforce mask wearing for children ages two and older, except during mealtimes, naps and outdoor play.**

Mask requirements are:

1. Masks will be available to all children ages two–five upon arrival who do not have a mask and
It will be labeled with their name. School age children should continue to wear their masks
from school to the center. Parents may send their child in a mask.
2. Masks must cover mouth and nose at all times it is being worn.
3. Masks must fit snugly but comfortably and allow for breathing.
4. Masks must be secured with ties or ear loops

Procedures: *Masks (cloth face coverings) should:*

Masks may be removed at mealtime, napping and during outdoor play.

Once removed, face coverings are to be placed by the child in a sealed bag with child's name, which will be then stored in the child's cubby. On a daily basis, all masks provided by the center will be removed by the child upon departure and left in a marked basket to be washed in cold water by center janitorial staff to prevent shrinkage. **If parents provide masks for their children, they are required to wash them on a daily basis.**