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Covid-19 Operating Plan 2020-21 School Year

Adventures Preschool is licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services. All licensed child care centers and preschools must follow DHS policies and requirements. Iowa Department of Human Services has provided all licensed child care centers and preschools procedures to operate during the Covid 19 pandemic. **In order to open for the 2020-21 school year, we will follow DHS guidance and requirements.** Items addressed below are specific to Adventures Preschool.

Health

Daily temperature checks of children and staff will be conducted before anyone is allowed to enter the building or playground.

We will ensure that staff and children are not admitted to Adventures Preschool when they are ill. Staff should stay home if someone in their home is ill. Children should also stay home if a parent is ill.

Staff and children will wash hands before entering the classroom.

Staff may wear face shields or face masks.

Social Distancing

Parents will not be allowed in the building.

Children will be dropped off at the south door or on the playground.

We will allow 10 people per room.

We will not use parent volunteers in the classroom. There will be a need for parent volunteers to help with daily temperature checks, serve on committees and the parent advisory board.

We will use the “big” room and the “little” room, but each classroom will be used separately with one group of children and one staff each day. Children and staff will not be able to go back and forth between the two rooms. The next preschool day each group of children will switch rooms. Staff will switch rooms weekly.

Hygiene and Cleanliness

We will limit the amount of materials available and clean items daily.

No plush toys or blankets from home.

No plush toys in the classrooms.

Daily cleaning of bathrooms, water fountain, door handles, lockers, cubbies and materials used in the classroom.

Weekly deep cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, and materials.

Snacks will be prepackaged or prepared before children arrive. (trail mix, muffins, cheese and crackers are a few examples) Staff will pass out food, napkins and cups, as well as pour juice. Children will be seated with social distancing in mind.

Reporting

COVID-19 illness in a staff member or child is required to be reported to our DHS licensing consultant.

Outbreak Response and Closure

An outbreak is defined as three or more staff or children testing positive for COVID-19 by viral PCR testing indicating likely transmission within the program.

When outbreaks are identified the following measures should be taken:

DHS will require programs it regulates to close for up to 14 days from the date that the latest case became ill.

Program facilities should be deep cleaned in accordance with COVID-19 cleaning guidance.

All staff and children should be offered testing prior to reopening (through strike team or establishing a Test Iowa code).

Stringent procedures to screen staff and participants for symptoms throughout the day should be in place upon re-opening.

DHS Covid 19 policies may not be in place in early September when preschool is scheduled to begin. Also, there could be additional policies enacted that will

require Adventures Preschool to make further changes. We will also work closely with Collegiate United Methodist Church staff regarding building reopening plans and any requests they may have for Adventures Preschool.