

BDCP 2023-2024 Health and Safety Protocol

At BDCP we have an expansive outdoor space, and combined with a relatively small group size. We have been fortunate to be able to offer a safe play and learning environment for our kids to learn and grow in while following the guidelines set by Public Health over the last 2 years. We have instituted safety protocols that adequately addressed the new reality that the threat of Covid-19 brought. While the mandates have shifted, we will adjust accordingly and continue to strive to keep everyone physically safe while balancing this with the need to keep our children thriving and mentally healthy.

We will continue to follow county and state mandates for safest best practices. COVID-19 guidelines are changing but in the event that we have a child who attends BDCP test positive with COVID, we are still required to notify state licensing and our public health department. Everyone enrolled and their immediate families MAY be required to quarantine for 5-10 days, or for a period determined by SCPH at that time.

If your child is sick, do not bring them if they are symptomatic.

GUIDELINES

As per guidelines set by Public Health, CDC and Bonny Doon Elementary School district.

- Before arrival, please assess your child's health, energy and demeanor to make your best judgment as to whether they are well enough to attend school. Viral illnesses often begin as malaise or changes in personality, so please keep your child home if they seem off to you.
- Teachers have the choice and option but are not required to wear masks at BDCP during the school day, unless they have been exposed, but are asymptomatic.
- Children are not required to wear face coverings. If you would like your child to wear a face covering for any reason, we can support this decision. You will need to provide a child sized face covering, labeled with your child's name and indicate in which situations you would like your child to wear it. We also can provide single use masks.
- Keeping children home when they are sick is important to your child as well as to the other children being cared for. In addition to spreading illness, a sick child has a lower resistance; it may take longer for your child to get well, or s/he may get another illness.
- You will need to keep your child home or arrange for alternate care if your child has any of the symptoms below:
 - **Runny nose**- If your child's nose is runny, needs to be wiped several times throughout the day.
 - **Lethargy**- If your child seems uncharacteristically tired
 - **Respiratory Illness**, If your child is coughing, sneezing, or has other respiratory illnesses for reasons that interfere w/their participation in childcare.
 - **Skin Conditions**- If your child has any skin conditions of unknown origin will require a note from an appropriate health care provider stating that it is not a contagious illness.
 - **Fever**- If your child had an underarm temperature of 100 F degrees or greater w/in 72 hrs.

- **Unusual Bowel Movements-** If your child has had an unusually frequent, loose, watery bowel movements.
- **Vomiting-** If your child has not been able to keep down food/drink for a 72 hour period.
- *If your child has or shows any of the symptoms while at childcare, we will contact you, or someone on your emergency card to come and pick up your child **within 30 MINUTES.**

Closures due to circumstances out of our control

Every effort is made to stay open but there may be times when BDCP will be forced to close due to unforeseen circumstances that impact us locally, state wide, or nationally. If BDCP has to close due to local, state, national emergencies, natural disasters, pandemics, PG&E power outages or for safety reasons due to unknown and unforeseen circumstances, there will be no tuition reimbursement for the first 2 weeks and standard payment policies still apply.

COVID19 Notice

This notice and an agreement between parents and provider to ensure the health and safety of all our children, and families at BDCP. If someone in our class community, (a child, teacher or parent) is *diagnosed with COVID19 we MAY need to close BDCP for three to 10 consecutive calendar days.* The better we collectively care for ourselves and the more we practice social distancing and abide by extra precautions the more likely we all are to remain healthy & open.

We are asking all families enrolled to please sign this letter of notice and as a personal commitment to our BDCP family and cohort, as a whole to take personal responsibility to continue to follow and practice to the best of your ability our county’s local directives and guidelines to continue to practice the best safest recommendations for maintaining mitigation in our county. BDCP will be taking measures recommended and beyond to do all we can to help keep all our families healthy.

1. BDCP will maintain a ratio of 6 to 1 with a daily group size of 17.
2. If your child becomes sick while at BDCP we will take all precautionary measures and separate children. Please make sure to have an emergency contact who can pick up w/in 30 mins.
3. Disinfecting/Sanitizing: BDCP will sanitize toys and surfaces throughout the day and disinfect after children leave. (CDC’s recommendations)
4. Personal items should stay at home, other than a clean change of clothes and/or a lunch bag/box.

I have read and acknowledge the information contained in this document:

Child’s Name: _____

X _____ Signature Parent/Guardian _____ Date

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