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**BROWN COUNTY SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS  
POLICY CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19**

**August 5, 2020**

**This information regarding our response to COVID-19** applies to ALL Brown County Schools Preschool Programs. COVID-19 is a virus which can infect the respiratory tract and spread similarly to cold viruses. Information to date suggests that COVID-19 causes mild-to moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

**The health and safety of our children and staff are a top priority.** In an attempt to mitigate the spread of this virus in our preschool community, the following policy changes are important to share. The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has prepared guidance documents for health care professionals and child care providers to be able to effectively respond to any cases that may be identified in the State.

**As instructed by the Family and Social Services Administration,** the following policy will be effective immediately:

- ✓ Each child's temperature will be taken upon drop off each day. Families will be asked to remain on-site for this to occur.
- ✓ If a child presents a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, families will be asked to return home with your child.
- ✓ Children will be asked to remain home until they are fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medications, as well as free of other symptoms of diarrhea and vomiting for at least 72 hours from the last episode.

Everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat. Parents should take everyday preventive measures to help protect their family from the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ✓ Encourage respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve).



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- ✓ Encourage frequent, proper hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Keep your child at home if sick with any illness. If your child is sick, keep them at home. If their symptoms worsen, contact your healthcare provider.
- ✓ Be prepared if our facility is temporarily closed. Talk with your employer about sick leave and telework options in case you need to stay home with your child. Consider planning for alternate childcare arrangements.
- ✓ Perform routine environmental cleaning. Routinely clean and disinfect all frequently-touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, countertops, work stations) with usual cleaning and disinfection products. Follow all instructions on the product label.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. As you know, we are the greatest influence on our children's reactions to these types of events. As a result, let's remain calm, respectful, empathetic, and inclusive while advocating for ourselves and others.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new policy, contact your building principal or Deborah Harman at the Brown County Schools Administration Office at 812-988-6601 ext. 1141 or [ddharman@browncountyschools.com](mailto:ddharman@browncountyschools.com).