



COLORADO
Department of Education

Safe Return to School Plan for Sewall Child Development Center



Sewall Child Development Center

Safe Return to School Plan

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

Important Dates

- Original plan developed March 2020, reviewed by the Sewall Board on March 19,2020.
- August, 2020 the plan was reviewed and updated for the beginning of the new school year beginning on August 24, 2020. Reviewed by the Sewall Board on August 27,2020.
- October 22, 2020 Sewall Board review and approval of the Remote Learning Plan.
- November, 2020 Remote Learning Plan implemented.
- May, 2021 safety plan reviewed, Sewall Board reviewed on May 20,2021.
- August 2021, plan reviewed for the beginning of the new school year on August 23, 2021. Sewall Board reviewed on August 19, 2021.
- January, 2022 plan reviewed and updated based on new CDC guidance released at the end of December. Sewall Board reviewed on January 20, 2022.
- February, 2022 plan further updated based on notification from the Department of Public Health removing the mask mandate for schools and child care centers. Sewall Board reviewed this plan also on January 20, 2022.
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Layered Prevention Strategies

- **Promoting Vaccination**-90% of our staff have received the first two doses of the vaccination. And currently, about 75% of our staff have also received their booster shot. Others are in process of getting their boosters.
- **Consistent and Correct Mask Use**- Individuals inside all centers wear masks at all times except when eating or sleeping, when eating or sleeping individuals are physically distanced from each other. Mask wearing will remain in effect until the end of March, 2022 when this policy will be re-evaluated.
- **Physical Distancing**-Is maintained when children and/or adults have their masks off for any reason. As stated above, masks are removed at limited times.
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Phased Prevention

- #### Local Health Department Information
- As new guidelines are distributed from the local health department, we review them with our nurse consultant from Children’s Hospital and then update our policies appropriately. The current changes our policies have been updated to follow include the isolation and quarantining guidelines that were released in December, 2021.
 - Preventative guidelines included in our policies include; wearing PPE, wearing high quality face coverings, and enhanced cleaning programs.
 - To support staff in following the PPE, face coverings and cleaning guidelines, PPE, masks and cleaning materials have been purchased for their use. Recently N95 masks have been made available.



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Academic Needs (In-Person and/or Remote Options)

- Both learning options were provided to children from August, 2020 through June, 2021.
- Hybrid learning also took place from August, 2020 through June, 2021. Children primarily attended in person learning but when a classroom or family needed to quarantine due to a close contact or illness remote learning would begin for the children and would last throughout the quarantining time period.
- July, 2021 compensatory services were offered in person for children who had not been able to participate regularly during the school year in person services.
- August, 2021 through February, 2022 in person services have been provided to all children.
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Layered Prevention Strategies

- **Screening Testing**-All staff, children and caregivers are screened with temperature checks and health screening questions prior to the staff and children entering the centers. Further, all staff who have exemptions from being vaccinated are testing on a weekly basis.
- **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**-Handwashing occurs many times throughout the day on a regular schedule. When other times outside of the schedule present themselves as needed handwashing time, the staff engage and direct children to wash their hands. Modeling of handwashing and respiratory etiquette occur on a daily basis. Strategies such as song singing while washing are used with the children.
- **Staying Home when Sick/Getting Tested**-Policies are in place for when both children and staff need to stay home when not feeling well and for how long they must remain home. Policies are also in place for when testing is required prior to returning to the center. To rule out COVID a PCR test is required for the staff.
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Phased Prevention

How Decisions will be Made about Preventative Actions

- The Sewall Leadership team begins the discussion regarding the changes needed for all safety policies. While reviewing updated information from the CDC and the Colorado Health Departments, the leadership team consults with our nurse consultant from Children's Hospital on a regular basis. Finalized decisions are then made.
- The final step in the decision-making process is to review the suggested policy updates with the Sewall Board and to receive Board approval.



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Student and Staff Social, Emotional, Mental, and other Needs (may include student health and food services)

- August, 2021 through February, 2022 in person services have been provided to all children.
- Mental Health support time has been increased by adding more time to support children in the classrooms and Staff both inside and outside of the classrooms.
- Trainings have been provided to staff on trauma informed care, supporting children and families during difficult times, managing stress and self-care strategies.
- Emergency funds have been obtained to be provided to support families and staff with needs such as rental assistance, gas/bus tokens and food access.
- Food pantries have been established at our centers for family and staff access and food boxes are being provided to some families on a monthly basis.

Layered Prevention Strategies

- **Contact Tracing**-Is completed when we have multiple individuals from the same center begin to test positive for COVID or to experience another illness. Once the numbers reach an outbreak, we complete the contact tracing and submit it to the health department and speak with a health department representative regarding any extra requirements we need to put in place at that time.
- **Cleaning and Disinfection**-is done both by the teaching staff and janitorial staff on a daily basis. Further, the teaching staff complete a broader scale cleaning and disinfecting on a weekly basis.
- **Limited Center Access**-the caregivers of the children only enter the lobbies of our centers when dropping off and picking up their children. Further, no caregivers, visitors or volunteers have had access to the centers. Beginning in March 2022, individuals will have limited access to enter the centers if they have been fully vaccinated with all 3 shots.