

General COVID-19 Guidelines

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Early Learning Village (ELV) takes the health and well-being of our students and staff very seriously. While ELV has always been committed to providing a safe and healthy environment, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we realize we need to be increasingly mindful of our safety and health protocols. Like all preschools and childcare facilities, we are implementing Best Practice guidelines for the current season we find ourselves in. While we know not all of these practices are easy, we deeply care about our staff, our students and families, and the community at large, and we want to do our part to protect and care for each other through increased safety measures.

Temperature Checks

Staff and students will have their temperatures checked each day before entering the classroom. Any person with a temperature of **100.4 or higher** will not be permitted to enter. ELV staff may also check a child's temperature during the class session, should a child appear sick.

Face Mask/Covering

Face mask/covering will be worn by anyone who enters ELV. Staff and students will be expected to wear a face mask/covering for the duration of each class session. Teachers will gently and lovingly encourage students to wear a face covering, but no child will be asked to leave the program due to face covering issues. Teachers will offer several breaks from face masks/coverings throughout the morning, including any time students are outside for recess or class, during snack, and any other time the teacher deems appropriate, as long as children are able to be appropriately distanced. An example of this would be during class group time, when children are able to stay seated and be distanced from each other. **Purple Bears and children 2 and under are not required to wear face coverings at any time.**

Keeping Classes Separated

- Classes will remain separate from each other, and will not use each other's classrooms.
- When possible, classes will be assigned their own restrooms. Classes that share a restroom (Orange and Blue Bears) will have their toilet sanitized after each use.
- Classes will be assigned separate gym and playground times.

Wellness

- Students who have a fever of 100.4* or higher should not attend ELV. Students should be fever-free, without fever-reducing medication, for 48 hours before returning to school
- Children who are displaying symptoms such as cough, excessively runny nose, diarrhea within the past 48 hours, or who generally don't appear well, should stay home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Routine cleaning will take place in the classroom on a regular basis
- Any toy that has been put in a child's mouth will be placed in a bucket to be cleaned and disinfected
- Manipulatives that are shared between classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected
- Children will wash hands throughout the morning, including, but not limited to:
 - upon arrival
 - after using the restroom
 - before snack
 - before centers (when manipulatives will be shared or rotated)
 - after recess
 - at the end of class, before being released to an adult

Water Fountains

Water fountains will not be used at ELV. Extra disposable cups will be placed in each classroom, and students will be given water during snack time and any other time a drink is requested.