

Regarding COVID-19 and New Procedure

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to inform you of the new changes that are being implemented, August 31, 2020 at the daycare. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these hard times and with these new changes. Our goal is to keep all children, families, and staff safe and healthy.

- Starting August 31st all children and staff will be required to wear a face covering when other social distancing measures are not possible. If you do not have one we can provide one. Face coverings will not be required for children 2yrs and under, anyone with breathing problems, or is unable to remove them without assistance. We will do our best to encourage the younger children to wear them but will not be forceful in any manner. We will have ways of social distancing instead but still include them in the activities and this will never be treated as a punishment if they are unable to wear them when asked.

- In Mechanicsville, you can only enter and exit the daycare via the infant room door and/or toddler room door. **STAFF MUST LET YOU IN AFTER CONDUCTING THE REQUIRED SCREENING.** (Look for the brightly colored lettering for Infants and toddlers.)

- In Lowden, you will enter at the same entrance as usual with the same procedure.

- **YOU MUST BE BUZZED IN FIRST.** Parents will be allowed to pick/drop off children up at their classroom doors but are Not to enter the classrooms. Staff will bring your child and his/her things to you at the door of each classroom.

(This is to eliminate exposure in and out of the classrooms.)

- We ask you to use the hand sanitizer that is provided at the entrance of each door upon every arrival on both yourself and your child/children.

- You and your child/children will then have your temperature taken at each drop off. If either temperature is 100.0 or greater your child will not be able to attend. If you have more than one child and only one has a fever you must keep the others home as well. This is also due to exposure of the other children.

If your child has any of the symptoms you must follow Stay at Home Guidelines as listed in the (When To Stay Home or Return Related To Covid-19) paper provided. You can also find this information on our website at north-cedar.org.

- **ABSOLUTELY NO outside toys, stuffed animals, or other unnecessary items at this time.** Your child may bring a water bottle/sippy cup to keep at the center.

- The daycare will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks each day, so we ask that you leave any outside foods(including breakfast snacks or cold lunches) at home. If your child requires a specific diet please contact the director for further instruction if you have not already.

- If your child is experiencing symptoms while at daycare, we ask that they are picked up as soon as possible and we recommend contacting your physician for further instructions.

