

March 12, 2020

Dear Families and Staff,

Kids 'R' Kids of Spring understands that each family has unique concerns, due to health or other circumstances, about Coronavirus COVID-19. Our school has precautionary measures in place to assist public health officials in their goal of containment. We want you to know that Kids 'R' Kids will support parents in making the best decisions for their families. More specifically, we will work with individual families in the best interest of each child.

We think it is important to reassess the current measures taken since the upgrade to Pandemic by the World Health Organization and the 16 cases in and around Houston at the time of this letter. However, this is a rapidly evolving situation and we are constantly monitoring the information coming from health officials and experts.

Kids 'R' Kids will continue to follow the recommendations of the Montgomery / Harris County Public Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as, Texas Childcare Licensing.

Please note the following new measures put in place:

- Parents must report to the school if their child travels to or through countries with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice. The list is subject to change and may be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronairus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precuations.html. During Spring Break, parents should report travel to an identified country by emailing cathy@krk43tx.com. After Spring Break, parents should report travel to an identified country to Kids 'R' Kids of Spring via phone or email.
- All Kids 'R' Kids employees are required to report travel to or through identified countries. The health of students and staff who travel will be monitored in accordance with public health guidelines before they are permitted to be at school.
- Kids 'R' Kids will only charge up to 2 half week(s) of tuition and will cover the other half that occurs from March 16- April 10 if self-quarantine is advised or required, further dates may be released if advised that the coronavirus spread is increasing. We will monitor information related to Coronavirus COVID-19.
- Kids 'R' Kids of Spring school buses and playground are sprayed quarterly by disinfectant products. We have moved this to a daily process. Deep cleaning and disinfection will continue per our regular classroom schedules.
- Families with extenuating circumstances should contact us by phone (832)717-0808 or email, cathy@krk43tx.com. We are committed to doing what we can to support the unique needs of students.

• Kids 'R' Kids of Spring is also communicating and working with other local childcare centers in the area. We are all in this together so we appreciate this important liaison with other schools.

On-going measures include:

Our management team are being provided with updates on a regular basis and have received guidance on screening and evaluation protocols as they come available from childcare licensing. We will keep a close watch on any student who comes to the front desk with fever or flu-like symptoms. If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, parents will be called to pick up their child. There will be no exceptions. The child must be picked up within 1 hour of time after call.

- Kids 'R' Kids staff will continue to educate our students, staff, and community members about the importance of frequent hand washing; covering a cough or sneeze; not touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth; staying home when sick; and other measures to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
- Rooms may be combined, children moved to other classes and teachers may be helping in other rooms to accommodate any teachers who are absent due to self-quarantine or illness.
- Our staff will continue daily sanitizing procedures throughout the building.

It is important to note that we are in the midst of our regular cold and flu season, so it is important for our community to take preventative measures to safeguard against the spread of communicable diseases. Local and federal health authorities indicate that the best ways to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus are the same recommendations for preventing the spread of the Flu virus.

Parents/Staff members can help by:

- Keeping children home who are sick. If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, he or she should stay home from school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. If you have a doctor's note, we would appreciate a copy for the file.
- Reinforcing frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Reinforcing covering a sneeze or cough with a tissue or one's sleeve (not your hands).

More information on the Coronavirus can be found on <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> and Prevention website.

We sincerely appreciate all of our families and staff and their cooperation in this serious matter! Thank you, The Paulson's and Kids 'R' Kids of Spring Management Team