

Dear Kids 'R' Kids Families,

We continue to pay close attention to COVID-19 related information. While the stories coming from media outlets are certainly more colorful, we keep returning to CDC and the Department of Health (DPH) as the most reliable sources of factual information. CDC has launched a new "Situation Summary" page which is very frequently updated. The DPH Coronavirus page contains similar information but also includes more local information. Addresses for those pages are below. <u>https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/</u>

A positive note, public health agencies agree that the rate of infection among children under nine or ten is incredibly small, and children who are infected have very mild symptoms or may be asymptomatic. Regardless, we continue to ramp up efforts to minimize risks to your children's health.

Measures to Minimize Potential Travel-Related Exposure: While we have kept informal tabs on family travel over the past couple of weeks, we are now requiring families to notify us of any international travel.

Ongoing Measures to Minimize the Spread of Illness:

- We wash or have the children wash their hands when entering and leaving the classroom and before and after eating and pottying. Teachers and Staff wash their hands throughout the day.
- We keenly monitor the children for symptoms, most notably fever, and will require children who exhibit symptoms to be kept home.
- We are incorporating an emphasis on teaching the children prevention measures such as proper hand-washing, coughing into your elbow, not touching your face, etc. in classroom lessons

- This past week, we partnered with a team called DisInFX, and they professionally sanitized all toys and surfaces throughout the Learning Center. Our professional cleaning crew gives all surfaces another "once over" each night with a hospital grade disinfectant.
- It is difficult to know how the Coronavirus situation will develop. CDC and other agencies seem to think it will be part of a 'new normal' like seasonal flu. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will follow any guidance provided by CDC and the DPH.

As always, please don't hesitate to come to us with any questions!

Your Enthusiastic and Proud Kids 'R' Kids Owners and Management Teams.