

VBCC RE-OPENING 2020-21

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

VBCC looks forward to the time when we can safely reopen our school. However, we need your help in order to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff. At VBC and at VBCC, we are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Virginia's Department of Social Services (DSS) and Department of Health (DOH) as we reopen to our students and families.

What will drop-off and pick-up look like?

- Families are greeted at the front glass doors. No other entrances to the building will be used. All adults must wear masks. Parents and other family members are not allowed to enter the building. A trained staff member takes the temperature of each child prior to parents leaving the site, conducts a symptom screen and gets a signed waiver from each family. Our drop off and pick up schedule will be as follows:

Swamp: 9:30-1:00

Treehouse: 9:45-1:15

Rainforest: 10:00-1:30

- Children and staff are required to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building and frequently throughout the day.
- Upon your arrival to pick up your child, a staff member brings your child out to you. Doing so limits direct contact and helps maintain social distancing.
- To the extent possible, the same person should drop off and pick up children every day to limit exposure to multiple people at the school.

- Families and staff are expected to social distance and not travel to hot spots if they intend to work at VBCC or have their child attend school.

What safety protocols will be in place in the school and classroom?

- Program staff separate children into their class group. These groups are stable in that the same group of children are with the same staff members each day.
- All classrooms remain separated to reduce the number of children in one area and to reduce the possibility of viral transmission.
- Classroom equipment used in the program is not shared and is cleaned daily.
- Staff disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, faucets, toilets seats, and handles routinely. VBCC facilities staff disinfect all areas of the preschool daily.
- Toys that cannot be washed are not used.
- Children are not allowed to bring toys or other items from home.
- Staff have access to hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol), disposable gloves and other PPE and use them as needed.

- Staff and children wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds often: upon arrival, before and after eating, after using the toilet, after playing outdoors, and following any contact with bodily fluid.
- Staff will wear face coverings while indoors. Children who are able may wear face coverings, but it is not required.
- No program tours are given during school hours and no visitors are permitted in the building, including parents.

How will snack time work?

- All surfaces are disinfected before snack preparation and lunch time.
- All staff and children wash hands before and after snack and lunch time.
- Staff will always wear masks when serving food
- Children do not share food or eating utensils.

How will school community's health be managed?

- Staff receive education on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventive measures to ward off the spread of COVID-19.
- Children who experience any of the symptoms below while at school are isolated from other children until they can be picked up. Symptoms include: fever of 100.4 F or higher with COVID symptoms, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea, rash or any other symptom we

deem problematic for school attendance. VBCC has a policy that children will be sent home with a fever of 99.5 F or higher.

- Staff do not share their phone or devices with one another or children.
- Each staff member will have their temperature checked at the beginning of each shift. If 100.4 F or if they exhibit any signs and symptoms of infectious illness, they will be isolated from children and other staff and sent home. Staff are not allowed to work if they are feeling ill, are experiencing respiratory symptoms, or if someone in their household has COVID-19 symptoms or screens positive for COVID-19.
- Staff wash their hands immediately upon entering the program and immediately prior to leaving.

How will families communicate with teachers and staff?

- Families must supply VBCC with up-to-date emergency contact information for their child.
- If a family is called to pick up a sick child, they must arrive within 20 minutes or risk being withdrawn from the program. It is not safe for us to keep sick children in our facility.
- If you need to contact a teacher or administrator, please call or email us.
- VBCC staff will use multiple methods to communicate updates with parents including email, website, or telephone.