



# **COVID-19 Site Safety Plan Center for School-Age Children**

## **Health and Safety Protocols**

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# **I. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

## **A. Small Stable Cohorts**

School-age children will be placed in small, stable cohorts, not to exceed 14 children and two supervising staff members. Children and adults must stay in their cohorts at all times and are not permitted to mix with other cohorts. Children who live or carpool together will be assigned to the same cohort if possible.

Meetings among the staff from different cohorts will be conducted remotely, outdoors, or in a large room in which all staff wear cloth face coverings and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others.

## **B. Entrance, Egress, Movement within the Site, and Physical Distancing**

Entrance, egress and movement throughout the facilities will be conducted in a way to ensure a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing among children and staff at all times.

Cohorts will be separated by staggered arrival, departure and transitions. Families will be provided with designated pick-up and drop-off locations. Children and staff will enter and exit campus at designated entrances.

Wonderful will employ physical distancing strategies in all outdoor and indoor areas. Each child's desk will be fitted with a custom plexiglass divider creating a fully transparent physical barrier on three sides of each child. All desks will be spaced at least six feet apart and there will be no more than 14 children to a room.

Signs will be posted throughout the campus to remind staff and children to distance at least 6 feet and to refrain from congregating. Traffic patterns will be mapped throughout the campus. Transitions will be limited to arrival, restroom breaks, outdoor activity, and departure. In areas where a line is likely to form, markings and signage will indicate 6 feet of physical distancing.

## **C. Face Coverings and PPE**

All children and staff will be required to wear a face covering at all times. The only exception is when children or staff are eating or drinking in designated areas or when staff are by themselves in an enclosed area (such as an office).

Wonderful will provide every child and staff member with face coverings. Families and staff will receive training on how to properly use and clean face coverings. Families of children who are unable to wear a cloth or disposable face covering due to a medical condition will be asked to contact the program director so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Children who refuse to wear face coverings will be excluded from the program.

Staff will also be provided with other personal protective equipment as may be appropriate for his or her specific job function. This may include, but not be limited to, face shields and gloves.

#### **D. Daily Health Screenings of Children and Staff**

Families are required to conduct a daily health screening of their child prior to taking their child to school. Families should screen for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and may not send a sick child to the center.

Staff must also conduct a daily wellness self-assessment to screen for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Staff may not come to work sick.

Wonderful will conduct temperature and symptom screenings of all children and staff before entering the facilities. Temperature screenings will be conducted with a “no touch” infrared thermometer and in accordance with all applicable safety and privacy guidelines. Any individual with a temperature at or above 100.4 Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius or who is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, will not be permitted on site.

#### **E. Healthy Hygiene Practices**

Hand sanitizing stations and foot sanitizing baths have been placed throughout the facilities. Children and staff will be required to wash their hands upon entering campus, and frequently throughout the day.

Hygiene best practices will be visually posted throughout the campus and staff will provide additional reminders to children throughout the day.

Children and staff will be encouraged to scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not accessible. Children and staff will be encouraged to wash hands when: arriving and leaving home; arriving at and leaving the campus; after playing outside; after having close contact with others; after using shared surfaces or tools; before and after using the restroom; after blowing their nose, coughing, and sneezing; and before and after eating or preparing foods. Children and staff and staff will be encouraged to refrain from touching their faces or face coverings.

#### **F. Sanitation and Cleaning Procedures**

Enhanced daily cleaning and sanitizing will be implemented in compliance with federal, state and local health guidelines. Each room will be deep cleaned and sanitized at the end of each day. Each room will also be equipped with dedicated cleaning supplies. All frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles or sink handles, will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times throughout the day.

## **G. Meals**

Healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served to children. In light of COVID-19, staff will carefully prepare and individually package healthy meals to be safely provided to each child within his/her classroom. To comply with social distancing guidelines, children will be strategically structured at mealtimes to observe all health recommendations.

## **H. COVID-19 Case and Contact Management**

### **1. Isolation of sick children and removal of sick staff**

In addition to temperature screenings, children and staff will be monitored throughout the day for potential symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Children who develop symptoms of COVID-19 will be separated from others right away. Wonderful has designated “isolation” areas on campus specifically for symptomatic children. Children will be asked to wait in these areas until a parent or guardian can pick them up. Staff who are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be asked to go home.

### **2. Reporting of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infections**

Child care providers, other staff and parents of child attendees must immediately report suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infections to the director of the program.

### **3. Contact tracing in collaboration with Kern County Department of Health**

In the event of a positive case and/or possible exposure, the director of the program will immediately contact the the Fresno Regional Office of Child Care Licensing and the Kern County Department of Health to seek assistance in responding to the case, including but not limited to, contact tracing and exclusion of exposed individuals.

### **4. Quarantine of sick children and staff in compliance with CDC guidelines**

Sick staff members and children may not to return to the facility unless:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without use of fever-reducing medications), AND
- Other symptoms have improved.

### **5. Identifying exposed children or staff**

When a case is reported, all children and staff who were potentially exposed to the case while he or she was infectious will be identified as soon as possible. (Exposure is defined as being within

6 feet of an infectious case for more than 15 minutes. Cases are considered infectious for 48 hours before symptom onset, or if asymptomatic, for 48 hours before date of positive test.) In consultation with the Kern County Health Department, an entire cohort may be excluded and required to quarantine if a case is reported within the cohort. In consultation with Kern County Health, the exposed children or staff will be notified and required to quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure to the infectious case, regardless of whether they subsequently have a negative COVID-19 test. The room and primary areas where the COVID positive individual spent significant time will be sanitized and cleaned.

Children or staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of the program, will be excluded from the facility. They will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days after their last exposure to the infectious case, regardless of whether they subsequently have a negative COVID-19 test.

### **I. COVID-19 Testing**

Wonderful recognizes the importance of testing to its overall health and safety strategy. Wonderful's partner health clinics will have COVID-19 testing available to all children and staff. All children and staff with COVID-19 symptoms must be tested. Testing of exposed asymptomatic children or staff will be encouraged if local lab capacity permits. Negative test results will not shorten the 14-day exclusion/quarantine period for exposed children or staff.

### **J. Possible Facility Closure**

Closure of the facility for a 14-day period will be considered in consultation with the Kern County Department of Public Health if cases have been identified in more than one cohort or if at least 5% of the children and staff have tested positive within a 14-day period.

### **K. Staff and Family Training and Education**

Prior to the program launch and on an ongoing basis, staff will be trained in all applicable health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 safety; the worksite-specific COVID-19 prevention plan; proper use and cleaning of face coverings and PPE; COVID-19 case and exposure management; and healthy hygiene practices. Children and families will be provided with easily understood written materials explaining COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including but not limited to the following topics: not sending sick children to the center; wearing and cleaning face coverings; conducting symptoms checks; proper handwashing and hygiene; and when to report a positive case or possible exposure. Staff will encourage and remind children throughout the day to practice healthy hygiene and physical distancing. Children who refuse to wear face coverings will be excluded.

#### **L. Ongoing Monitoring and Communication with Kern County Department of Health**

Wonderful has designated staff to regularly monitor and communicate with Kern County Health regarding COVID-19 cases, exposures, hospitalizations, and any other relevant metrics that may require a change in program operations. In the event of an elevated number of cases in the community or in the event of presumed or confirmed cases directly impacting the program, Wonderful will work closely with the Kern County Public Health to implement all necessary health and safety protocols, such as a short-term closure of all or a portion of the facility or a longer-term closure as a result of a county or state stay-at-home order.

## **II. CONTINUOUS UPDATES TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

The health and safety protocols in this plan were developed following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Social Services, the Kern County Department of Public Health, and additional federal, state and local authorities and experts.

This plan is based on the most current information known to date. The current health situation in Kern County continues to evolve and Wonderful continues to work closely with local health authorities.

The health and safety policies and protocols in this plan will be updated frequently to implement the most up-to-date safety requirements and guidance.