

# Angel Hugs Daycare LLC

Licensed for ages 0-13 years

Currently serving ages Birth - 13 years

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## COVID-19 / PANDEMIC CHILDCARE SAFETY POLICIES

### **\*\*Social and Emotional\*\***

#### Children

- Storytelling to help children understand what COVID-19 is, why we wear masks, why we must wash hands, and why we have to social distance. (Program has printable and non-printable short books to give to parents)
- Name children's emotions
- Provide reassurance
- Say what children can still do
- Be their safe place

#### Parents

- Facility will discuss new information, policies and procedures
- Facility will provide parents with community resources
- Facility will ask parents their concerns
- Facility will host a transition meeting

### **\*\*Drop off and Pick-up\*\***

To limit the amount of exposure within the home and to maintain a safe social distance, parents will need to drop off and pick up their child on the front porch. I know this is a very difficult way to say goodbye to your little one, especially after being gone all these weeks, but limiting the number of people entering the house is a must at this time. In the morning it may help to spend a few extra minutes in the car or front yard before ringing the doorbell. The first week or two may be rough and I wish it wasn't this way.

- We will do screening and temperature checks.
- At pick up time, please text or ring the doorbell. I will bring your child to you. We will once again do screening and temperature checks.
- All adults must wear a face mask, ages 3+, and 2-3 encouraged.
- We have taken sign-in and outs to contactless. So please make sure you have the ELV Parent app on your phone and you have the information setup in order to do this.

I am trying my best to share all information with you as it becomes available. If you have any information, please feel free to contact me.

## **\*\*Staying Healthy\*\***

Daily, you will need to take your child's and your own temperature before leaving your home. They will be monitored here in the program as well. If your child or anyone in your family has a temperature, even a low-grade temperature, your child will not be able to attend. Please contact me so we can figure out the latest updates from the CDC. This virus spreads incredibly quickly. If one person in your family is infected, it would be extremely rare for everyone else in the house not to also become infected.

Upon entering and exiting, I will clean each child's hands with soap and water/hand sanitizer. We will wash or sanitize our hands often during the day. I will have hand sanitizer outside with us so that you can sanitize your hands when arriving and again with your child before leaving.

Please leave all toys, treats, and stuffed animals at home during this pandemic time. If your child uses a lovey, a pacifier, special blanket or such one must be left here.

## **\*\*Covid-19/Pandemic Illness Policy\*\***

The illness policy will now exclude your child if anyone in your immediate family, or others living in your home, experience any COVID-19 like symptoms. If anyone in your household has been exposed to COVID-19 and you must contact me immediately so we can deal with it according to the latest guidelines.

You must report any exposure or symptoms to me immediately.

Your child cannot come to care if any of these COVID-19 like symptoms are or have been present in your child, or anyone in your immediate family/household:

- Fever
- Cough
- Cold-like symptoms, including runny/stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips
- Red lips or face
- Strawberry tongue
- Pink/red eyes

A negative molecular rapid or PCR test needed to return to care.

With COVID-19, children present differently and often exhibit mild cold like symptoms. This will make it very hard to determine the difference between the common cold or COVID-19. Unfortunately, but for the safety of the other children and their families, your child will be excluded for cold-like symptoms during this medically dangerous time.

The usual 24-hour symptom-free wellness window will now extend to at least **72 hours (three full days)** while the COVID-19 virus remains a threat. I know this is a long time (or according to the latest CDC, CDPHE, and Jeffco Public Health guidelines). With continued social distancing, your child will be exposed to fewer childhood viruses and infections such as colds, belly bugs, etc. I am hopeful that if we all continue to socially distance ourselves, use masks, and limit exposure to others, this exclusion period will be rare and unlikely.

If a child in my care or anyone in my household tests positive for the COVID-19, that person is to isolate IMMEDIATELY. Those whom have been in contact 48 hours prior are to quarantine. If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, the child must quarantine as well. If symptomatic or awaiting test results, keep children home to help avoid quarantining the rest of the group. We still must follow ALL quarantining and isolation laws.

Before returning, the child who tested positive, as well as the parent or parents who are dropping off and/or picking up the child, must test negative for COVID-19. If any staff would test positive at any time, we too will have to test negative before I am able to reopen Angel Hugs Daycare (again these guidelines could change at any given time, but we will strictly follow the CDC, CDPHE, and Jeffco Public Health guidelines)

## **\*\*Classroom Management\*\***

### Mealtime

- Children will be spaced 6' apart during mealtimes.

### Naptime

- Children will sleep 6' apart or when that cannot happen; they will sleep head to toe to give more space.

### Circle & Center Time

- Children will be spaced out as best as possible with markings on the floor for circle time.
- Children will be guided to try to have 1-2 of them in each center.

### Free Play

- Children will be guided to try to have 1-2 of them in each space.

**\*\*Closings and Absences\*\***

If Angel Hugs Daycare must close for any COVID-19 related reason childcare fees will be as followed:

- If the state, county, or city quarantines us, we will follow their directions. I will remain open, as I am an essential business, but we must follow their guidelines. Full tuition payment will be expected as per contract.
- If my home is put on quarantine, due to exposure or confirmed case. I will notify you immediately and let you know how many days I will be closed. Full tuition will be expected as per contract.
- If your home is put on quarantine, due to exposure or confirmed case, notify me immediately so I can take the appropriate measures. Full tuition payment will be expected.
- If you choose to self-quarantine full tuition payment will be expected for the time you choose to keep your child/children home.

As the restrictions and recommendations change so may this policy. Any updates will go into effect immediately upon notification.

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Child's Name

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Date

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Parent's Signature

*Sarah Hewitt*  
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Provider's Signature

