**How We’re Keeping Our School Safe**

**A child sitting at a table

Description automatically generated**The health and safety of our children and families is always our highest priority. That is why we have been working diligently to continue creating a safe and fun learning environment for our students.

A recent study by Yale University confirmed that childcare centers practicing safety protocols do not pose an increased risk of spreading COVID-19 in their communities. As a reminder, below are the health and safety measures we’ve implemented based on CDC guidelines, state and local regulations, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will continue to update as necessary.

**Health Checks**

We screen temperatures of all staff and children. Anyone with a temperature of at least 100.4 degrees or showing other signs of illness is not permitted to enter the facility. If a child becomes ill during the day, they will stay in a separate area while awaiting pickup.

**Safe Distancing**

Staff are the only adults permitted to enter the building. Pick up and drop off take place outside the facility. Seating areas are spaced a minimum of six feet apart and swimming and field trips are currently suspended.

**Facial Coverings**

All staff members wear facial coverings while caring for children. Children wear facial coverings where required.

**Sanitation**

We continue our focus on handwashing and disinfecting throughout the day. Staff wear disposable gloves for serving food, changing diapers/toileting, etc.

**Meals**

Meal safety guidelines vary by state and may involve serving individual portions instead of family style or requiring that food be brought from home.

**Sleep**

Teachers place nap mats head to toe, not face to face. Each child’s bedding is stored separately and sent home for washing frequently.