

UPDATED HYGIENE & ILLNESS POLICY

Due to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in Yolo County and the added risks associated with the increasingly common Delta variant, we will be requiring the following precautions in order to reduce the likelihood that the COVID-19 virus reaches this daycare facility.

We have begun voluntary weekly testing as a precaution, and invite the adults and children in your household who are able to, to join us.

Below is a list of hygiene and illness prevention measures that we are asking all families of children who attend Gan Aviv Playgarden to adhere to.

1. Send your child in fresh, clean clothing, including socks and underwear/diaper.
2. Clean your child's face, nose, ears, hands and nails at home regularly.
3. Please do a temperature check each morning before bringing your child to daycare, if you notice anything out of the ordinary please notify us so that we can keep an eye on your child over the course of the day. Please mention any temperatures above 99.
4. Encourage, show, and remind your child to cough and sneeze into the crease of their elbow.
5. Encourage, show, and remind your child NOT to touch their faces, or have their hands in or near their eyes, mouth, nose, ears and private parts.
6. If your child joins you in a high exposure environment, indoors without open windows, within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes, or unmasked in a crowded space such as train, stadium or airplane, please let me know. Depending on the circumstances, we may ask that your child stay home and be monitored for 72 hours.
7. If your child has a fever you must notify us. They are required to stay home until they have been free of fever above 100.3 degrees for 72 hours. That means that if they were sent home with a fever they may NOT return the next day.
8. DO NOT send your child to daycare with a fever. If your child's fever was artificially lowered with medication, your child may be terminated from the program immediately, without refund of last 2 weeks tuition or any other paid tuition.
9. If your child or anyone in your household is exposed to someone with COVID, please follow the protocols listed below in the section entitled "Known Exposures."
10. If your child or ANYONE in your household tests positive for COVID you must notify me IMMEDIATELY, so that I may notify the other families in our care as well as state authorities. Failure to do so may risk your child's termination from the program immediately, without refund of last 2 weeks tuition or any other paid tuition.
11. We strongly discourage bringing items from home. We will provide each child with a soft doll (softie) for naptime, which will be designated for that child for the duration of their time in the program. If you must bring one from home, we ask that it stay at our facilities and be machine washable.

12. All softies and nap blankets will be assigned to each child for the duration of their time in the program, and washed weekly.
13. We are now asking that you apply sunscreen at home in the morning. If you would like us to reapply after 2 hours, we are happy to do that with our own ThinkBaby brand sunscreen. Most of our yard is shaded and we do our best to keep the children in sun hats, but if you like you can also send your child in a rash guard.

KNOWN EXPOSURES:

All known exposures to communicable diseases and viruses before the child comes to Gan MUST be shared with Maayan, so that appropriate precautionary measures may be determined. This includes illnesses or contagious conditions within the child's home.

COVID EXPOSURE

1. Known exposure without masks on, within 3 feet for over 15 minutes total over a 3 hour time period, and/or indoors without outdoor ventilation. Should ANY of these three conditions have been present during your child's exposure, we will require your child to stay home for 7 days, and encourage you to take a COVID test 4-7 days after exposure.
2. Known exposure with COVID precautions being followed: fresh air flow from open windows or outdoors, masks being worn, and at least 6 feet of distance between your child and the person with COVID. Please contact Maayan to discuss the best precautions to take.
3. Second-hand exposure to a known person with COVID. If your child comes into contact with someone who has been exposed, in a setting that is unmasked, indoors without fresh airflow, or within 6 feet of that person for more than 15 minutes. Please contact Maayan to discuss the best precautions to take.
4. Second-hand exposure to a known person with COVID when all precautions have been followed. If your child comes into contact with someone who has been exposed, in a setting with fresh air flow from open windows or outdoors, masks being worn, and at least 6 feet of distance between your child and the person who was exposed. Please contact Maayan to discuss the best precautions to take.

We sincerely thank everyone for their honesty in reporting known exposures and symptoms! We understand that keeping your children at home may pose a difficulty and appreciate your support as we try to keep our program open and our children and loved ones safe, while COVID-19 still circulates in our community.

A note about privacy and contact tracing: we will be informing the other families in the program if anyone, including staff, has had an exposure listed above as 1. First-hand exposure without precautions followed, 2. First-hand exposure with precautions followed, or 3. Second-hand exposure without precautions followed. We will do our best to keep the identity of the child and unnecessary details of the exposure private, and will not tolerate any stigma or judgements.

If you have any further concerns please speak with Maayan and we will do our best to address them. These policies are based upon Yolo county COVID data, and the recommendations of the CDC and California Dept of Public Health. For the most up to date policies, please inquire.

VACCINATION POLICY:

We strongly encourage all parents to be vaccinated against COVID-19, along with others living in the home who are old enough to receive this important protection against the virus. We do respect that this is a personal topic, however, and will respect your decisions. Although we do not ask if the parents are vaccinated, we appreciate your sharing this information with us, including if you are NOT vaccinated. We promise that this information will be kept entirely confidential, and will respect your decisions, but we strongly feel that this information can help us to determine the best course of action to maintain our own safety and that of the unvaccinated children in the program.

THANK YOU!

I know that many of you are weary of the pandemic, and many of you have suffered greatly since it has begun. This summer we were excited to open up and relax many of the stringent precautions we had taken while in lockdown, and who would have predicted we'd be back here again so soon. I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you for doing your part to help curb the spread of this terrible virus, and for helping to protect the families in this program. Your honesty when sharing your child's symptoms and potential COVID exposures is much appreciated! This can be a scary time, with many mixed messages, and I thank you for entrusting me with the care of your children. With your cooperation, we can help protect one another so that the children may keep playing and learning together safely!

Signature:

Date:
