PHASE III OPENING - ITFDC

* Limit capacity to 10 individuals in the child care space (there could be family members in the home).
* Be familiar with the signs and symptoms of COVID 19:  [Symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or at least two of the following symptoms: chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Symptoms can range from mild to severe and may appear up to two weeks after exposure to the virus, according to the CDC. Some people with COVID-19 don't display any symptoms.

Seek medical attention if you experience serious symptoms such as

trouble breathing or pain or pressure in the chest.

* Allow more fresh air to enter the program space and ensure that ventilation systems operate properly.
* No water play activities; sprinklers are allowed.
* It is recommended that we continue to delay field trips. If field trips are implemented, maintain social distancing.
* But go outside with the children – increase outside times as much as possible.
* Community playgrounds may be used if cleaned and sanitized before and after use. Maintain social distancing.
* Modify drop off and pick up procedures to limit the number of people in the home.
* Provide hand sanitizer at the entrance of the home (or soap and water if available) so children can clean their hands before they enter the home.
* Infants can be transported in their car seats.  Store car seat out of children’s reach.
* If transporting children maximize space between riders. Clean and sanitize the vehicle after use.
* Take temperature of children upon entry and ask if any medication was used to lower the child’s temperature – screen children upon arrival. Use a hands free thermometer.
* Ask if there are any household members with COVID 19
* Frequent handwashing (20 seconds) with soap and water.  If soap and water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (supervise young children when using hand sanitizer.)  Soap and water is preferred.
* Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces.  Clean with soap and water and disinfect surfaces with EPA approved disinfectants’ including porous and non-porous surfaces, electronics, linens, and clothing
* Avoid using items such as stuffed animals that are not easily cleaned, sanitized or disinfected
* Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands
* Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue
* Conduct regular health checks to look for symptoms
* Post signs on how to stop the spread of COVID 19, proper hand washing
* When feasible staff and older children should wear face coverings but babies and children under age two should NOT wear mask. Face coverings should be cleaned following CEDC guidelines or a new disposable face covering should be used each day.
* Use disposable gloves
* To the extent possible when washing, feeding, or holding very young children, wear an over-large, button-down, long sleeved shirt and wear long hair up or use a hairnet or scarf.
* Practice social distancing to the maximum extent – children should be kept at least 6 feet apart from each other and limit physical proximity as best as you are able.
* Cribs and sleeping mats should be six feet apart during nap time.
* Physically arrange the room to promote individual play.
* Remind children not to touch their faces and to wash their hands if sharing items but try to limit item sharing
* Keep each child’s belongings separated and in individually labeled storage containers.
* Limit item sharing.
* Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, games, and learning aids
* Have children avoid touching each other if possible.
* Notify the local health department and ITFDC if there is a positive case of COVID 19 in your home or in the home of one of the children you care for. Keep a list of all individuals who may come in contact with children if notifications are needed.
* Anyone with a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, cough, or shortness of breath must not come in to the child care home.  Children with household members with symptoms or is known to have COVID 19 should not come to care.
* A home with a confirmed case of COVID 19 should close for 14 days or the duration advised by local health officials.
* If someone in your home becomes sick, have an isolation area that can be used for a sick child.  Parents must come to pick up the child asap.
* Clean and disinfect surfaces in the isolation area after the child has gone home.
* If COVID 29 is confirmed in a child:

1. Close off areas used by the sick child.
2. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area
3. Wait up to 2 hours or as long as possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
4. Clean and disinfect all areas used by the sick child.
5. If more than 7 days have passed since the ill child was in the home additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary
6. Continue routine cleaning and disinfection