

WCCS Early Learning Centers Response to COVID-19

ELC welcomed children and families back to the new school year with many new safety precautions in place. We worked closely with the Warren County Health Department to ensure that our classrooms meet all the recommendations for health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Preschool class size is limited to 9 children, and infant-toddler classes are limited to 6 children.
- Children and teachers remain in small group throughout the day, separated from other classes.
- We take staff and children's temperatures and do a health screening on arrival.
- Everyone washes hands on arrival, and throughout the day
- Teachers and other staff wear face masks to reduce the spread of the virus.
- Children age 3 and older are introduced to wearing face masks, but this is not required.
- New restrooms were installed at the Lebanon Early Learning Center so classes would not have to share bathrooms.
- Only one group of children is allowed on the playground at a time, and equipment is sanitized between classes.
- A new virtual option is available for families who prefer not to send their children to in-person classes at this time.
- Home visits are being held virtually or outdoors to ensure safety.
- Parent meetings are held virtually.

Teachers have all received additional training on meeting the needs of children exposed to trauma, since there have been so many challenging events in all of our lives. The good news is that the children are thriving in the smaller classes! They love coming to preschool and playing with their friends, and they are receiving the highest quality care and early education in our Early Learning Centers!