



YOUTHLAND ACADEMY RE-OPENING MEMO TO PARENTS & STAFF:

We are so very excited to announce that all Ohio-based Youthland Academics will be reopening on Monday, June 1st! We have missed your children so much and cannot wait to be reunited!

For the safety of your children, our teachers and everyone at the center, we have updated policy changes below. It is our nature to want to give hugs and to catch up with each family, but for the time being, we must adhere to the new safety protocol.

It is important that all families and staff members feel comfortable and safe. Safety has always been a top priority at Youthland. With careful consideration and an incredible amount of time studying the latest in safety procedures, we have finalized our opening day plans.

Prior to the COVID19 outbreak, we operated under 794 rules and regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Many of these "Best Practices" are things that we have always done. Cleaning and hand washing will be done more frequently, and all staff will be trained on any new regulations prior to reopening.

Thank you for trusting us to care for your child. We don't take the role & responsibility lightly and will continue to love, nurture and educate your child every day.

If you have not connected with your Youthland yet, please [contact your center](#) ASAP. Center Directors are working to contact every family. Please call or email to let them know your plans even if you do not intend to return on the 1st of June.

NECESSARY CHANGES TO PROCEDURE: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Due to new ratio requirements, reduced group sizes and pick up/drop off procedures, it will be necessary for many of our centers to operate under shortened hours. Please contact your Youthland for your center's hours.

Youthland Academics with shortened hours beginning June 1 will be 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday through Friday.

BREAKFAST:

We will be providing a nourishing breakfast each morning. Please check with your center for the exact time. Approximate time will be 8:00am.

PICK UP/ DROP OFF PROCEDURE:

Parents will only be permitted to drop off and pick up in the lobby. Children will be escorted to their classrooms by the center administrator each morning and again at pick up. We request that only 2 parents wait in the lobby at a time, while wearing a mask. The center administrator will take temperatures and complete a health check daily for each child and parent.

EXCLUSION FROM CARE:

As new regulations set forth by the CDC (and our licensing agent ODJFS) require, we will be enforcing a very strict policy on sickness. If your child has a fever of 100.0 F or higher, they will not be permitted to attend and/or will be immediately sent home. The child will not be permitted to attend for 48 hours after the fever returns to normal unmedicated. If other symptoms are present, a doctor's excuse may be required to return to care. Your child will not be permitted to return sooner than the 48-hour window even with a doctor's excuse. If anyone in the home is sick (including a sibling in the center) your child should not be in care until the person is fever-free for 48 hours without medication.

BLANKETS & TOYS

Blankets will be permitted, each blanket will be washed daily and sent home on Fridays. Children will not share a cot or a crib, a rule in place previously. Each child should bring a change of clothes sealed tightly in a plastic bag.

Infants will not be permitted to bring diaper bags to the center daily. Parents may send a bag of needed supplies (baby food, formula, diapers, change of clothes, etc.) at the start of the week and the items will be stored with the child's personal belongings. You will receive an infant daily paper upon pick up and this will indicate what item or items we are running low on.

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION:

Please notice the link below provided to childcare providers. Our updated policies are influenced by the guidelines set forth from the state.

https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Sector-fact-sheet-8-Child-Care.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0zImfA2wCbptl2wEzxXxYyVYos7DdvZgqINAaLiT_gf_mZl-wJgGaD1m

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: GENERAL

Childcare workers should wear a cloth face covering, unless it is unsafe for them to do so. Cloth face coverings should not be worn if the person has trouble breathing, is unconscious, is incapacitated, or they are unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Additional Policies and Recommendations from ODJFS:

- The same parent or caretaker should conduct pick-up and drop-off each day.
- This one could be tricky for parents, but it will be a recommendation.
- Childcare providers should limit parent and visitor entry into the facility.
- We will not allow visitors at this time.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Childcare providers should cancel all field trips, excursions, and large-group events such as parties.

Childcare providers should, to the extent possible, prevent groups from mixing.

We will not mix groups. Your child will be assigned a classroom with the same children & teachers daily. Lunch will be served in the classrooms.

Children of the same employer, to the extent possible, should be in the same group.

Due to reduced ratios and group sizes, it will be necessary for our floaters to be assigned to a specific classroom. We will not be using floaters to cover classes or breaks at any time on the same day.

Childcare providers should stagger the use of any communal space, such as playgrounds, lunchrooms, and bathrooms.

Outdoor times will be staggered by class, lunch will be in the classrooms.

Providers should sanitize communal spaces between each group of children.

We will not have communal spaces, however if it is necessary at some point, the space will be immediately sanitized.

When temporary dividers are used, childcare providers should ensure that groups do not mix.

Childcare providers should sanitize toys after each use and remove toys that cannot be sanitized.

Toys that cannot be sanitized will be removed before we reopen. Otherwise we will sanitize throughout the day.

Childcare providers should wear gloves while serving food and preparing bottles.

Gloves should be changed between bottle feedings.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: CONFIRMED EXPOSURE

MANDATORY:

Childcare providers may use temporary walls to divide a room into smaller spaces to serve multiple groups, under limited circumstances.

Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at the day care facility.

Child will be isolated WITHIN the classroom as to not expose or contaminate the rest of the building.

see detailed CDC Guidelines for exposure below

Shutdown rooms for deep sanitation, if possible.

According to CDC Guidelines, we will adopt the following practice:

We will close the contaminated room at the end of the day. The room will stay vacant for 24 hours. The next day, the classroom will be thoroughly sanitized, and class will resume the following day.

see detailed CDC Guidelines for exposure below

Childcare providers should immediately notify the Department of Job and Family Services in writing of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among children or staff.

In addition, we will work closely with the Marion Public Health Department on all matters.

CDC GUIDANCE FOR EXPOSURE

IF SOMEONE BECOMES SICK...

- Plan to have an isolation room or area (such as a cot in a corner of the classroom) that can be used to isolate a sick child.
- If a sick child has been isolated in your facility, clean and disinfect surfaces in your isolation room or area after the sick child has gone home.

IF SOMEONE IS SICK...

If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member:

- Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
- Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.

- If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

CDC Guidance for Cleaning after Exposure

Clean and disinfect thoroughly.

- Cleaning staff should clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, and common areas) used by the ill persons, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces. (doorknobs, light switches, etc.)
- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).
- Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

In closing, on behalf of all the Youthland Academy centers, please know that the health and safety of our children and staff are of the utmost priority. We know you rely on Youthland, and you can count on us.

Please reach out to any of our 19 locations directly if you have any further questions or concerns.

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[Blue Ash](#)
[Cheviot](#)
[Colerain](#)
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