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Dear Just For Kids Community,

I know that all of you have been patiently awaiting news on our 2020 Summer Program. We have been hard at work since schools closed so that we could be prepared to reopen quickly and safely. Since March 17, 2020, Just For Kids has been successfully running two emergency care camps out of Whitney JFK and Grace Jordan JFK. The camps have given us an opportunity to not only serve a critical need in our community, but also to implement adjusted health, safety, and classroom management procedures. We have adapted existing Just For Kids policies and procedures to fit a “new normal” and every step of the way we have been doing more than what the [CDC](#) and [CDH](#) has recommended. As a result, the camps have been successful and have allowed us to prepare a thoughtful and comprehensive action plan for the summer program. Our updated procedures will continue to closely follow CDC guidelines as well as align with the Governor of Idaho’s stages of reopening and updated recommendations from IdahoSTARS and the Central District Health Department.

Operation Changes to the 2020 Summer Program:

- **The adjusted start date of our program is now Monday, June 1, 2020.** In order for our staff to prepare the JFK sites and participate in training session for updated procedures, we will be utilizing the week of May 26-29, 2020 as an in-service week.
- **Hours of operation for all JFK sites for the summer will be 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday.** Families are strongly encouraged to designate the same adult to drop off and pick up their child(ren) each day.
- We have had to reduce enrollment as well as the number of available sites. Sites will have limited numbers compared to building capacity to expand the available square footage per student.
- Grace Jordan JFK and Lowell JFK will be closed for the summer. If you are registered at one of those sites, please check your email for instructions on how to choose an alternative site.
- We will be return to Boise City Childcare Licensing ratios of 1 childcare provider to 12 students.

- As often as possible, students will be split into small groups limited to 12 or less and spread out to different areas (i.e. one group in the JFK classroom while another is outside) in an effort to provide more opportunities for physical distancing.
- Coordinators are currently working on adapting summer curriculum to fit the new guidelines and to be delivered to smaller groups of 12 or under.
- We will work with the custodial staff at each school in order to use additional space in the school buildings such as the gyms, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
- Swim trips and field trips have been cancelled for both June and July.

Registration, Tuition, and Fees:

- Tuition rates have been reduced to reflect changes including the delayed start date, limited hours of operation, and cancelled offsite trips (activity fees and bussing costs). Please see the updated rate sheet.
- The \$45.00 registration fee will be run along with your first weekly tuition payment on June 1, 2020. Please note that we are only offering weekly payment options again this summer. However, you can always pay your tuition in advance through your account at myprocare.com.
- Any changes to your date of enrollment need to be made through our [Summer Contract Change Form](#). Withdrawals should be submitted through our [Summer Withdrawal Form](#). You will need to use your correct parent PIN to complete the form.
- **Registration for the summer will remain closed.** In order to adhere to current guidelines for safely reopening our facilities, we need to limit enrollment to operate below capacity. Families who were enrolled in our spring 2020 JFK programs had access to registration between April 1st and April 14th. We are unable to open registration to any new and returning families.
- Priority registration for the 20-21 school year is still to be determined. We typically open registration to families currently enrolled in our summer program on July 1st and then to new and returning families on July 15th. We recognize that due to the restrictions on enrollment this year, many families have limited access to priority registration. I will continue to keep families updated on how I plan to resolve this for the fall semester as the summer continues.

Daily Preventative Measures:

- At all times, staff and students utilize appropriate handwashing and hygiene procedures.
- Curbside or front door pick-up and drop off (procedures will vary based on the site).
- Temperature and wellness checks of students performed at the door before students enter the building. Staff wear masks and gloves while performing screenings.
- Daily temperature and health checks of staff.
- Consistent sanitization of all high traffic surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, computers, phones, etc.) Use of recommended bleach solutions (stronger concentration of 1000ppm) and the Retaliate solution provided by the District's custodial department. We will also be removing items and materials that cannot be cleaned and sanitized.
- Encouragement of social distancing throughout the day:

- Centers are limited to specific materials which are then disinfected in between uses.
- Children engage in centers in groups of no more than 2-3 students at a time.
- Children are encouraged to stay arms' length apart when lining up to go outside.
- Students are spaced out at lunch tables for meal times. We will also be changing from family style service of meals to individual portioning.
- Cloth masks available to staff and students to use (see more below).
- Just For Kids has always had a clear exclusion policy for children and adults who are feeling unwell or show symptoms of illness (fever, etc.) In addition to our standard illness policy, please make sure that you are adhering to the following guidelines:
 - Children who become sick while onsite will be isolated in a designated area of the classroom until they are picked up by a parent or authorized pickup person.
 - Do not bring your child to childcare if you *or anyone in the family* is not feeling well. Know that symptoms of COVID-19 vary from person to person. The following list includes symptoms that have been noted in previous cases of COVID*:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Tiredness
 - Aches/pains
 - Nasal congestion
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Diarrhea
 - Conjunctivitis or pink eye
 - Loss of smell/taste
 - *Note: This is not a comprehensive list of all signs and symptoms and according to the CDC some people with COVID are asymptomatic.
 - **Update: We are now requiring that children be kept home until they are fever free for a minimum of 48 hours (previously 24 hours) without use of fever reducing medication. (a fever is any temperature of 100 degrees or more).**

COVID-19 Specific Contingency Plan:

We have made the following contingency plans for our families and staff to ensure the safety and health of all:

- Upon notification that a parent, child, or staff member has come in contact with a positive COVID-19 patient, we will ask the family or staff member to quarantine from the facility for the recommended 14 days.
- Upon notification that a parent, child or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 and been within the facility in the last 7 days, Just For Kids will consult with

- Central District Health and close our facility for 24-72 hours to disinfect per CDC guidelines and Central District Health directions.
- Per CDC guidelines, if we identify a case, we will report this to Central District Health, inform anyone who may have been exposed, and follow Central District Health guidance.

Cloth Masks:

In a continued effort to keep our sites, staff, and your children as safe as possible, you may notice some of our staff wearing cloth face masks. The onsite childcare providers are being given cloth masks to utilize when and if social distancing of 6 feet is not as possible.

Please note that these masks are an added precaution and based on the most [recent guidance from the CDC](#) for anyone who has to frequent public spaces. Importantly, these masks also do not deplete supplies from the medical community.

Having said that, masks can be unnerving for children. Most people, adults and children alike, are not used to seeing others wear masks in public spaces, schools, or anywhere else outside of hospitals and clinics.

I encourage you to have a conversation with your child(ren) at home to talk about why they may see an adult wearing a mask. There are many helpful resources available to parents, but Zero to Three has a [great article](#) on how to discuss this topic with young children.

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