For CentroNía Parents
Overview of COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines
May 28, 2020

Goal: The creation of a CentroNía that is as COVID 19 free as possible in order to ensure the health and safety of the children we serve and the employees who care for the children. Our objectives include implementing new procedures and protocols that (1) mitigate the introduction and spread of COVID 19 at CentroNía facilities, (2) dictate staff and parent responses in the event of any unusual incident, and (3) insure that daily routines reinforce good prevention habits while still giving our children positive learning experiences.

Highlights of What We Have Done to-Date
• Established a modified operating schedule (7:30am-3:30pm) to reduce likelihood of introducing or spreading the virus, and allow time before and after for teachers and facilities to clean and disinfect.

• We’ve developed several reopening protocols based on the most recent guidance presented by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). These protocols will be updated as necessary in accordance with new regulations and include (1) a COVID 19 Facilities Plan which outlines in extensive detail (over 50 pages) the establishment of an emergency response team who will be responsible for every aspect of the plan, schedules for cleaning and disinfecting of the entire facility, especially classrooms. It also spells out the PPE and cleaning supplies and inventories; (2) a food preparation and meal distribution protocol; and (3) a training manual for teachers that reinforces all the COVID 19 related health and safety precautions while still trying to provide our children with high-quality early education experiences.

• Every classroom, every piece of furniture, and every toy has been deep-cleaned and scheduled for disinfecting on a daily basis. Common areas will be disinfected multiple times during the day.

• All classrooms are restricted to 8 children and 2 adults. A teaching schedule is in place so that the children are in contact with the same teachers every day to the extent possible. Cribs and sleeping cots will be spaced at least 6 feet apart and in a head-to-toe arrangement where possible.

• Access to CentroNía facilities will be controlled and limited. Rather than everyone entering and existing from the main front entrance, we will also utilize rear doors. Parents
will be assigned a specific, color-coded entrance that aligns with the location of their child’s classroom.

• Signs are posted throughout the building as reminders and instructions.

Our Expectations of Parents on Re-opening: In order to maximize the effectiveness of our COVID 19 protocols we will need every parents’ support and cooperation. It will also mean NO EXCEPTIONS to the most basic health and safety procedures. Any exception could result in the re-closing of a CentroNía facilities. Parents will be expected to follow these most basic health and safety procedures.

• Adherences to all COVID 19 policies, procedures, and instructions.

• Temperatures will be taken and recorded prior to being admitted into the building- rain or shine.

• Wearing of masks is mandatory for all adults at all times. With parental approval, children who are developmentally able to handle the wearing of mask and over the age of 2 may wear masks.

• Social distancing from non-family members whenever inside the building.

• Virtual communication with teachers and administrative should be the first option in order to minimize the amount of time spent in the building and to control the number of people in the building. A request for a face-to-face meeting with a teacher or administrator must be scheduled in advance.

• High-risk individuals such as children (and staff) with chronic medical conditions (asthma, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, or immunocompromised systems) are encouraged to contact his/her primary health provider for guidance before returning to CentroNía.

• Daily screening and symptoms check will be conducted at drop-off and children’s temperature will be repeated and recorded after naps. Some symptoms may require removing a child from his/her classroom and contacting parents to come pick up the child.

• Exclusion and Dismissal Criteria include individuals with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath, signs of illness, gastrointestinal issues, or close contact with infected or sick person. If not allowed to enter or dismissed during the day, it is
expected that the individual (child and/or parent) will self-quarantine for until 3 days have passed with no fever, 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms, and symptoms have fully improved. If no symptoms are present but exposure is suspected, the individual will self-quarantine for the 14-day incubation period.

- **Hygiene/Cleaning** protocols require that children have at least 2 extra changes of clothes given the frequent hand-washing with soap and water that will be enforced and the constant disinfecting of surfaces and materials.

- **Reporting**: It is mandatory that anyone potentially exposed to people who are ill or have been diagnosed be reported to OSSE and DC Health for guidance on notification to the community and closure, if necessary

- **Daily routines**
  Teachers will share with parents specific classroom schedules and daily routine changes such as, individualized eating practices; social distancing strategies; curriculum modifications; outdoor play (limited to our playgrounds); self-hygiene practices; and others

- **Communication**
  During this pandemic there is no such thing as oversharing when it comes to our children. CentroNia will share detailed operational and program procedures and protocols with parents before reopening. Parents will also receive a summary of the teachers' training presentation with relevant information. Teachers will continue to use Class Dojo to keep in contact with parents.

  **We ask that parents be patient with us as we implement all our COVID 19 health and safety procedures.** There are of course a lot of other procedures we are implementing or considering and we will be constantly assessing what else we can do to protect our children and staff. But we can’t do any of it without your support!