

COVID-19 Business Update #7

November 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Please see below for important updates about Governor Lujan Grisham's New Public Health Order:

Many of you are fully aware that our Governor has released a new Public Health Order which takes effect today.

In response, ECECD (formerly CYFD) "is limiting child care to those families who absolutely and essentially need care. This restriction is in effect, Monday, Nov. 16 through Monday, Nov. 30, 2020."

Our teachers use this Conscious Discipline phrase many times a day with your children:

"My job is to keep you safe, and your job is to help me keep it that way."

Nothing could be truer right now! Our job is to keep your family and our staff as healthy and safe as possible – some of our children live with elderly and/or high-risk relatives. We trust you to do your part to help keep our schools open by following all COVID health and safety guidelines/mandates. This includes not gathering in large groups and self-quarantining after traveling. Remember, a bite of turkey over Zoom is just as tasty.

ECECD periodically comes out with new guidance and mandates for child care centers. You can visit their website, <u>www.nmececd.org</u> and <u>www.newmexicokids.org</u> for up-to-date information. We understand we cannot totally prevent COVID-19, but we can each do our part to minimize the possibility.

We know that some of you will have questions; please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,

Your Southwest Child Care School Family