



SCCDC, Inc. Early Head Start, Head Start, and Pre-Kindergarten has been working hard on our plans for the 2020 – 2021 School Year. All of these plans are being made with the following goals in mind:

Goal 1: Making sure that children, families, and our staff are kept as safe and healthy as possible.

Goal 2: Give children and families the opportunity to grow in a supportive environment.

Goal 3: Help children and families find stability through providing consistent and predictable interactions.

How Will SCCDC Protect Children, Families, and Staff?

- **Keeping Healthy:** Each morning, the child and family will be greeted by staff to complete a health screening. This will include a questionnaire and a temperature check. Children will then be brought to their classroom by staff.
- **Keeping Distanced:** Everyone on SCCDC, Inc. property will have to practice social distancing, keeping 6 feet between themselves and others. In our classrooms located in school district buildings, SCCDC will follow the social distancing rules of the school building
- **Keeping Covered:** Everyone over the age of two (2) will wear a face mask. Masks will not be worn when eating or sleeping. We recognize this will be a challenge for some young children. Teachers will work with children to help them overcome this challenge. SCCDC will provide masks for children. (Parents may provide their own mask, but will be responsible for laundering those each day.)
- **Keeping Clean:** Our staff will teach and role model age appropriate hand sanitizing for children. Even though they will be helped by staff, pictures of how to wash hands will be placed near all of our sinks to help them learn how to properly wash their hands.
- **Keeping Safe:** Everyone will agree to keep their friends and families safe. For families and staff this means signing an agreement that the new rules about health screenings, social distancing, face masks, and hygiene are understood. For children this will be integrated into the culture of their classroom, as appropriate for their age.
- **Keeping it Small:** Many classrooms will have less children than in past years to comply with regulations regarding social distancing. Children and staff will stay together in small groups and the number of adults entering the room will be limited to the teaching and assigned staff, as often as possible.

What Will Reopening Look Like At SCCDC?

SCCDC has three different plans for reopening.

- **In-Person Instruction:** Children in center-based programs will attend program in classrooms five days a week. Home-based families will have a combination of virtual and in-person visits, conducted outdoors as weather permits. The programs will follow the rules above to keep everyone safe and healthy, as well as, any rules from the health department.
- **Hybrid Model:** A combination of face to face learning and distance learning. This model will allow for some children to participate from home, while others participate in-person at the center.
- **Remote Learning:** If the program is closed due to COVID-19, teachers will have a consistent schedule of learning activities to engage families remotely.



What Changes You Can Expect To See:

- **Reduced Program Hours:** In order for classrooms and toys to be properly cleaned each day, the hours of operation will be reduced. Shorter class times also limits the number of adults entering the classroom.
- **Drop Off and Pick Up:** To reduce potential exposures and the number of people in our facilities, families will not drop children off in the classroom. Children will be brought to their classroom by staff. SCCDC is working on plans to make this as efficient as possible for families and staff, while providing a smooth transition for children. Starting and ending times will be staggered to limit crowding.
- **Meal Times:** For now, meals will not be served family style. Children will eat in the classroom, but meals will be plated by their teachers. This will reduce the risk of transmission of germs as children learn how to use serving utensils.
- **Family Meetings and Activities:** Many of these will be moved to a virtual format. Accommodations will be made for families that are unable to participate in virtual experiences. When families do come in the center, they will complete a health check and meetings will be socially distanced.
- **More Outside Time:** Being outside has always been positive for children, but now it provides the added benefit of lower risk for virus transmission. Our playground equipment and toys will be cleaned after each group uses them. Children will need to have appropriate footwear and clothing for outside experiences. Outside time will also include an increased number of structured teaching lessons, in addition to free-play time.
- **Flexible Learning Models:** Families that are not comfortable with sending their child to school may have the option to participate in remote learning. Remote learning is different than our Home-based program or Homeschooling. Remote learning follows a regular schedule, with interaction and activities that are led by the child's teaching team. Families have the support of their Family Advocate. Our Home-based program is only available for Early Head Start. This program offers weekly Home Visits with a Family Educator. Homeschooling means your child is not enrolled in an SCCDC program and the parent has chosen a Homeschooling curriculum.
- **Increased Communication through Virtual Platforms:** We will rely more on phone, texts, emails, Class Dojo, Zoom, and other platforms to communicate with families and conduct visits.

What Happens If...

- **If Daily Health Screening Shows my Child Has a Fever?** Any child with a temperature of 100 or greater will not be allowed to enter the building. The child will need to stay home until they have been fever-free for 72 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- **Someone in My Child's Classroom is diagnosed with COVID-19?** The families will be notified and the classroom will be closed as recommended by the Department of Health and switched to a remote Learning-At-Home model.
- **If Schools Close Again?** We will switch to the remote Learning-At-Home model and continue to provide distance education and family services.