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Dear Parents,

What a long and arduous pandemic this has been! We have really pulled together to keep aware and active to stay safe from illness. Thank you to everyone that has helped in this effort. The transmission rate in Salt Lake County is medium. We follow the guidance from the Utah Health Department for child care centers. They advise that only people with immunodeficiencies mask indoors.

Wonderbloom protocols:	Rationale:
Masks are optional indoors.	If you would like your child masked at Wonderbloom, we will do our best to help your child keep their mask on. Please send your child in a mask and bring an extra mask for their cubby. Label masks with their name. Know that we remove masks for eating, drinking, and napping. Know that children this age cannot maintain social distancing.
Be vigilant about signs of illness.	<p>Please keep your children home if you suspect anyone in the household may have COVID-19 (fever, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste and smell, and muscle aches and pains. If symptoms last for more than 24 hours, please get tested for COVID-19.</p> <p>Besides COVID-19, according to our handbook, keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms. Your child is welcome back to school if they meet the following criteria for at least 24 hours or have been on medication for at least 24 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o No green or yellow mucuso No fever above 100.2 degrees without the use of fever-reducing medicineo No vomitingo No diarrheao No persistent cough that interferes with breathing or regular physical activity
Group size no larger than 20 indoors.	Child Care Licensing (CCL) requires a group no larger than 24, but we keep it smaller. In addition, our program is mostly outdoors which limits the spread of illness.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the facility, we will consult with the Health Department on next steps.	We will still be vigilant about containing the spread of illness. We require that families alert us immediately through Brightwheel if anyone in the household has a pending COVID-19 test or has a positive COVID-19 test result.
Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for the required days and be symptom-free before returning to the facility.	Wonderbloom will let you know when your child is safe to return to school after a positive test or exposure.
Anyone entering the facility must immediately wash their hands with soap and water.	This is such an important way to limit the spread of germs.
Surfaces, items, and areas are cleaned and sanitized daily.	Wonderbloom continues to keep things clean and tidy.
Wonderbloom must report communicable diseases to the Health Department.	To limit the spread of illness at Wonderbloom, you must tell us if your child has a reportable communicable disease. See the list here . We will alert families and staff of possible exposures without using identifying information.

These protocols may change at any time if Child Care Licencing (CCL), the city, or State make changes to operating requirements. We will alert you in writing of any changes.

Thank you for staying alert and being aware of illnesses. It has been the determining factor to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
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