

# Small World Update 5/20/2020

Dear small world families,

First of all I would like to thank you for your patience during the recent months. We certainly miss seeing all of the little smiling faces every day. With the governor's recent announcement for York County to move to yellow, we would like to do a little research to see where our families stand in their need for care.

Here are a few details that you will need to know prior to answering my question.

- Parents will not be permitted in the building and will need to drop off and pick up their children at the front door under the carport. We will also be taking temperatures at the front door.
- I have spoken to directors at other centers and they have told me that requiring children to wear a mask was not working well at all. At this time we will not require children to wear a mask but will let it up to the parents discretion. Staff will be wearing them.
- We will be cleaning more frequently and more diligently than we have in the past. Children will wash their hands more frequently throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available.
- We have ordered a sanitation system to spray down rooms after people have left at the end of the day and also to spray down playground equipment between groups of children.
- We will no longer brush teeth following our lunch. (I am unsure if this will be temporary or permanent)
- Unfortunately children will not be allowed to bring toys and stuffed animals. We will allow books for all children and electronic devices for School Age.
- Children will remain in the same room throughout the day with the same staff.
- It's not my intention to keep the children 6 feet apart at all times, but we will do our best to maintain social distancing as much as possible. We will have smaller groupings together.
- In the younger groups, mainly the infants and the ones we will try to keep children with the same staff member caring for their basic needs.
- We will do our best to keep to our typical standard of good home cooked meals however substitutions may be necessary if food is difficult to find.

I'm sure there may be some things that I am forgetting and some other questions may arise. Please feel free to ask about any concerns you may have.

Please answer the following questions:

If we were to open on June 1 would you be bringing your child/ children back to Small World at that time?

If you will not be returning on June 1, what are your thoughts/intentions?

Please answer the questions as soon as possible as this information is crucial in helping us move forward with our decision. We have calculated the cost per week for us to operate and it is our hope that enough families will be returning that we will be able to meet our expenses and open our doors.

Thank you again for all your support through these difficult times. We appreciate all of you and look forward for all of us to be together again.

Stay safe and healthy  
Barb and Glenn