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Dear Parents,

Look how far we've made it! We've followed all the pandemic protocols and are happy to report that we've had zero transmissions of covid at preschool. In addition, all our staff have received the second dose of the covid vaccine. We're updating our guidelines, because the Utah Legislature has reversed the mask mandate and the Child Care Licensing (CCL) department has dropped all covid protocol requirements. This letter describes what we will continue to do at the school to keep staff and children safe, and what requirements we have of you - our Wonderbloom families. Please read thoroughly.

Wonderbloom protocols:	Rationale:
Masks required for parents and children 3 years and older at drop off and pick up.	Salt Lake City requires masks in public places, so we will continue to require them during the childcare exchange.
No masks required once checked into school.	Covid cases are low, our groups are small and our staff are almost fully vaccinated, so we feel comfortable removing the mask requirement. Young children rely on facial expressions to understand and communicate and it has been very difficult for them and the teachers to engage fully with the children. Therefore, masks for children are optional once they are checked in. Teachers and staff will continue to wear masks/shields until they are fully vaccinated, which is on April 23. After that, it is optional for staff as well.
No health screening or temperature check at drop off.	<p>Please keep your children home if you suspect anyone in the household may have Covid (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.</p> <p>Besides Covid, 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 medicine

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> No vomiting <input type="radio"/> No diarrhea <input type="radio"/> No persistent cough that interferes with breathing or regular physical activity
Group size no larger than 24 indoors.	Child Care licensing requires that we keep group size no larger than 24.
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 test or has a positive Covid test result.
Anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 must quarantine for the required days and be Covid 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. We will provide a Wonderbloom Kit - a box with learning materials- for each child while they are quarantining at home.
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.
Off-site activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	We will make sure the children and staff can safely attend the off-site activity before making a decision.
Surfaces, items, and areas are cleaned and sanitized regularly.	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 CCL, the city, or State make changes to operating requirements. We will alert you in writing of any changes.

It has been a harrowing year of uncertainty, modifications, and illness. We're so grateful that we've been able to support your families during this time. Similarly, YOU have generously supported us! I truly believe that we have the best families and children in Utah.

Sincerely,
 Sarah Stone, PhD
 Executive Director
 Wonderbloom