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Dear Parents,

We're extremely grateful to be operating safely during the pandemic in order to provide you with child care and provide your children with an enriching learning environment. In response to the Governor's State of Emergency declaration, the Child Care Licensing (CCL) department has updated their requirements for operation. This letter will explain CCL updates, how we are complying at school, and what requirements we have of you - our Wonderbloom families.

Continued/Updated Requirements from CCL:	Wonderbloom Protocols:
Masks are <u>required</u> for anyone over the age of 3. These are removed only for eating and napping.	Masks were encouraged in class, but now they are required . Please send your child in a mask and provide an extra mask that can stay in the cubby and be switched out if/when their mask gets soiled. Label masks with first and last name.
Indoor groups are restricted to 20 individuals.	Wonderbloom restricts indoor groups to 14.
Solid wall at least 6ft high in between groups when indoors.	Wonderbloom has a 6ft wall between indoor groups.
Groups over 20 must not gather together indoors. Groups should not be combined during outdoor play.	Wonderbloom keeps groups of 14 individuals separate from each other at all times.
Total number of children outside must not exceed 50, with distance between groups of 20.	Wonderbloom has a max of 28 individuals outdoors at a time and maintains appropriate distance between groups of 14.
Anyone entering the facility is screened for fever, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste and smell, and muscle aches and pains.	Wonderbloom performs temperature checks and a health questionnaire with all staff, children, parents, and visitors upon entering the building. Because carriers of this virus are sometimes asymptomatic, Wonderbloom requires that you keep your child home if anyone in the household has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours. If anyone develops these symptoms while at school, they will immediately be separated from the group and sent home.
If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 at the facility, the provider must consult with the Health Department and notify their CCL licensor.	Wonderbloom reports any positive cases in children or a household member to the Health Department and CCL. We require that families alert us immediately

	through Brightwheel if anyone in the household has symptoms, has a pending Covid test, or has a Covid test result -whether positive or negative.
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.	Wonderbloom requires hand washing for anyone entering the facility.
Off-site activities should be avoided unless distancing and cleaning can be controlled. Off-site playgrounds are prohibited.	Wonderbloom cancelled all off-site activities for the year.
Surfaces, items, and areas should be cleaned at least daily and in-between groups.	Wonderbloom sanitizes tables, toys, and bathrooms between groups and cleans all surfaces at the end of the day to be ready for the next day.
Providers will be in compliance with local laws and ordinances in order to remain open.	Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City allow child care centers to remain open and operate under the guidelines from CCL.

Besides the CCL requirements, we have a couple extra things we do to keep everyone safe.

- 1) If anyone in the household has had the above symptoms for more than 24 hours, **please get them tested for Covid.** Find a testing location [here](#). The UofU offers saliva tests which are much more comfortable for children than the nasal swab. As far as I know, all testing is covered by insurance, and if you don't have insurance, the test is free. To avoid wait times, make an appointment before you go.
- 2) In order to help you make decisions about your child's safety, **we will also inform you of any symptoms, pending tests, or negative tests from your child's class through Brightwheel.** We know these symptoms can come from a variety of common mild illnesses, but we prefer to let you make that call about whether or not you feel comfortable sending your child to school.
- 3) When we have positive cases in our Wonderbloom community, we are proactively supportive, concerned and caring to those families, because they need it most. There's no place for judgement, shame or guilt in our little community. If your family has to quarantine, we'll ask how the Wonderbloom community can support you. Other families may offer meals, cards, calls or activities. Please allow us to support each other by accepting or offering support when there is a positive case.

We know you are doing everything you can to keep your families and the Wonderbloom community safe. Thank you so much for your cooperation during this crazy time. Please continue to follow the mandates and advice of public health officials by social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands in your daily lives. We know many of you have been proactive in keeping your children home, informing us of symptoms, and getting tested, and we

really appreciate it! Thank you for your trust and support. We love teaching and playing with your little ones each day.

Sincerely,
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