



# Children's World

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## November 2020

### Dear Parents,

Winter time is here and Brrrr it is cold outside! Children's World is embracing the change in weather and marveling at all the wonders that winter in Alaska will bring!

### Winter Arrival & Departures

The temperatures are dropping fast in the mornings and late afternoons. With this cold change in weather Arrival and Departures Procedures have sometimes moved inside for the classrooms. Children's World wants to remind you the importance of being **ON TIME** for your scheduled arrival and departures. The staggered schedules were imposed to control the number of people inside the buildings at one time and due to the amount of parking spaces the school has.

Tardiness with Arrivals leads to increased wait times for families who have arrived at their designated time and places more strain on the Teachers who are maintaining their ratios and cleaning procedures during the Arrival routines.

If your family is struggling to make the chosen Arrival and Departure times, please contact Administration and we will work together to find a solution. Children's World understands that sometimes a person is late or an emergency happens and arriving at your scheduled time is unlikely. With these situations we ask that you contact Administration to inform them of your late arrival.

### Closures

Children's World will be **closed** on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Children's World will be **closed** on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

### Reminders

#### **Close Contact Mandatory Quarantine**

If you, or anyone within your household, are identified as a close contact a 14-day mandatory quarantine will be implemented. Children of this household will not be allowed to attend during the 14-day quarantine.

#### **Daily Health Questionnaire**

Don't forget to fill out your Daily Health Questionnaire online! You will need to bring your phone inside to the drop off area to show your confirmation email!

#### **Outside Gear**

Please don't forget to pack appropriate outside gear for the Winter Season. Children need snow pants, snow jacket, hat, gloves and snow boots.

Starting December Children's World will begin implementing a new policy for Late Arrivals. Families arriving more than 10 minutes past their scheduled arrival time will have a fee charged to them. This Late Arrival Fee will be a flat rate of \$20 per occurrence. If continued tardiness becomes an issue, even with this fee in place, Administration will contact each family directly.

### **Covid Policy Updates**

Children's World has updated their Covid Policies to reflect the current situation within the city of Anchorage and the state of Alaska during the Covid-19 pandemic. The changes in these policies will be discussed here to answer any questions families may have.

Recently, Children's World had to close due to a number of staff being exposed to an individual who was positive for Covid-19. This situation was unique as many teachers were now close contacts and Children's World was unable to meet Childcare Licensing ratio requirements. In the event of another closure, where too many staff are quarantining due to being a close contact of a Covid positive individual, Children's World will follow the same guidelines for other COVID closures. All notifications of exposures, or positive individuals will be done via email and there will not be a refund for families during the closure.

The current policies for travel outside the state of Alaska are as follow as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

III. **Requirements for All Travelers Entering Alaska**: all travelers, Alaska resident and non-residents alike, who are arriving in Alaska from outside the state must comply with one of the following options, with special considerations for Alaska residents outlined in Section IV:

a. **Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 with negative results**: The traveler must submit negative test results from a test taken within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof of a negative test available to show screeners at the airport upon arrival.

i. All travelers with negative results from tests taken within 72 hours of departure must follow strict social distancing for **five** days after arrival into Alaska, or until they leave Alaska, whichever occurs first.

ii. A second test taken between five and 14 days after arrival is **recommended**, but not required

Children's World will implement the same guidelines that the State of Alaska has for families who are planning on traveling out of state for the Holidays or in the future. Please plan to have care for the minimum 5 days after your return, as mandated by the State of Alaska. To read the full Health Mandate 10 please go to <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/> .

Children's World will begin to implement of Late Arrival fee of \$20 per occurrence when a child arrives 10 or more minutes past the scheduled Arrival time.

Sincerely,

Children's World Bilingual Montessori