

I hope all of you had a great Christmas getting to spend it with loved ones. I just can't believe how fast 2021 went by! I just wanted to start the year off by getting everyone back on the same page so here it goes...

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

If your child has received vaccines, doesn't matter which ones, I must have the MOST up to date copy in their file at all times. If I do not have your child's immunization records up to date I will be forced to suspend care for the child until the records are brought up to date.

COVID-19

I'm sure I'm going to get questions about COVID-19 "protocol" at daycare due to the CDC changing their recommendations. Before my phone goes crazy with questions I'm going to put it in here so everyone gets the same message. The basic rule of thumb is that if your child doesn't feel like their normal, healthy self, then they probably shouldn't be at daycare. Last year providers were forced to keep as many people out of daycare for contact reasons as possible. That is when we, at DCSI were forced to follow the "1 parent in the entryway at a time" rule. I did not love this. I miss my "Party in the Entryway" moments. In order to NOT have to go back to 1 at a time I NEED parents to just be aware at how many people are inside at a time to not cause overcrowding and give parents some space.

If someone in your household test positive for COVID-19 or any other variant, the daycare child must stay out of daycare for 14 days. If in that 14 day window someone else tests positive then the 14 days will start at the most recent positive test. This is a NO EXCEPTIONS rule.

There is currently talk at the state level to allow childcare providers to COVID test children in their care if there is enough concern for testing. DCSI will not be participating in this program. If your child should be tested for COVID then they should not be at daycare to begin with.

Here at daycare we sanitize on a regular basis, we highly encourage hand washing for adults and kids alike, as well as covering coughs and using a Kleenex instead of arms, sleeves, hands, etc. in attempt to not spread germs.

2022 CLOSURE DATES

The dates for closures this year include one Federal Holiday that was not included last year. This is Monday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Day, DCSI will be closed.

The other dates I should draw your attention to are in April. As of right now, DCSI will close for the week of April 25 though April 29th. We just found out right before Christmas that we are getting a backordered Christmas gift. We found out we are expecting a baby of our own! Some of you, may have guessed this, but I had NO IDEA until now. I have felt great, lived through having COVID back in September and never thought anything of anything. We are over the moon with excitement as we've been hoping, wishing and praying for this for about 6 years. So, my due date is April 25, 2022. If everything goes as planned I will close daycare April 25 through that Friday the 29th. I've recruited my mom to come and help Heath run daycare the following week so we can reopen, May 2. If any of this changes I will let you know as soon as I know. If I have to close a second week due to complications or whatever may arise, then I will be open the week between Christmas and New Year's at the end of the year. If I can safely reopen Monday, May 2nd then, I will close the week between Christmas and New Years, just like this year. On days that I need to go to a doctor appoint Heath will be in charge. Those appointments have been scheduled during naptime so not to interrupt our routines so much.

OTHER NOTES

In the next couple of weeks you will be getting your tax information for the 2021 tax year. There will be 2 forms for each family. One form will be for you to sign and goes into my tax files and the other is for you to take to your tax preparer. With this newsletter you should also be getting a new contract and new handbook to start the new year with. The contract needs to be returned to DCSI as soon as possible.

CHEERS TO A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR !!

DCSI 2022 CLOSURES

- January 17 (MLK Day)
- February 21 (President's Day)
- April 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
- May 30 (Memorial Day)
- July 4 (Independence Day)
- September 5 (Labor Day)
- October 10 (Columbus Day)
- November 24 (Thanksgiving)
- November 25 (Black Friday)
- December (TBD)