

July 14, 2020

EVJCC – COVID 19 – ENHANCED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

THE EAST VALLEY JCC IS BACK AND READY FOR YOU! School year is beginning and we are ready!

What does this mean for the EVJCC Programs? In order to operate safe programs and maintain the health of our staff and children, we are asking families to review the information below and adjust their schedule/program accordingly. We are proud to take the recommendations of the American Pediatric Association, and provide a clean, safe, healthy place for children to socialize, learn, grow and just be kids!

******* NEW AT THE EVJCC*******

DROP-OFF and PICKUP PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN UPDATED!

The EVJCC is implementing the use of a new app - REMINI - which will improve the needs of our families and keep our children and staff healthy and safe during this time. All parents will receive a letter introducing this app.

*******NEW SIGN-IN and SIGN-OUT procedures*******

Each family will receive an individual code to enter into the app on your smartphone and will give you the ability to sign in and out directly on your smartphone. These new procedures are necessary to avoid the usage of the same pen, exchanges of paper and better sanitation requirements.

In order to provide the best service and sanitation to our community we have no choice but to institute a \$10/month per family surcharge. This will be added to your monthly tuition on the billing date, beginning July 21 for August.

Besides offering better and improved sanitation requirements this app will allow us to move towards using electronic communications when it comes to: daily reports, pictures, developmental progress, your ability to let us know when you will arrive earlier or later than planned, etc. In the beginning, we will focus on the health questionnaire, the sign-in and out and the daily reports from the teachers. As the year progresses, we will add additional features, at no extra cost to you.

For any family that feels this will be a financial hardship, please contact pam@evjcc.org and we will work with our scholarship committee to accommodate you.

TWO YEAR OLDS AND OLDER

- Each parent will receive an email introducing Remini.
- You will receive an individual code that you will use to enter the app and fill out a daily questionnaire asking a series of questions regarding your child's health and assuring us that your child is coming to school healthy and with a temperature under 100 degrees (**you will be taking your child's temp each day in the comfort of your own home before coming to the EVJCC.**). You will complete the survey at home.
- Once you arrive at the EVJCC, you will log into the app and sign, on your phone, to allow us to welcome your child in. This is in place of a sign-in sheet.
- The EVJCC staff will also be taking temperatures throughout the day for each of the children at the

center to assure that everyone is healthy.

- You will park in our parking lot and take your child with his/her belongings to the front door where you will be greeted by staff who will then walk them in for hand washing and take them to their classrooms. **Please make sure to bring items in a plastic disposable bag.**
- There will be spots labeled 6 feet apart in case you arrive at the same time as other families. Please adhere to the social distancing we have put in place.
- Parents will remain outside of the EVJCC but we ask that when you are greeting the staff at drop off and pick up outside the front door that you will be wearing a mask. Thank you.
- At pickup, you will come to the front door and a staff member will bring your child to you. At that point, please log into Remini and sign your child out.
- You may send an authorized person that is on your emergency form, other than yourself, to drop off or pickup as usual. Please call the front office at 480-897-0588 and we will issue a 1 day code for the person that you authorized to drop off or pick up your child.
- If you don't have a smartphone or forget yours at home, we will have a device that you may use to log into your Remini account. The device will be brought outside of the EVJCC by a staff person so that you may enter your code and sign in or out.
- To offer social distancing, there will be designated spots, 6 feet apart, to stand when waiting to drop off or pick up at the front door. Thank you for following them.

INFANTS/TODDLERS

- Infant and Toddler families will receive an individual code that you will use to enter the app and fill out a daily questionnaire asking a series of questions regarding your child's health and assuring us that your child is coming to school healthy and with a temperature under 100 degrees (**you will be taking your child's temp each day in the comfort of your own home before coming to the EVJCC**). In addition, you will have a place in the daily survey to let us know: when your child woke up, when they last ate, when they were last diapered and a space for any additional information. You will complete the survey at home. This survey will include: a health questionnaire and questions regarding your child's specific food, diapering and sleeping needs for that day. This will replace the current paper drop off form.
- Once you arrive at the EVJCC, you will log into the app and sign, on your phone, to allow us to welcome your child in. This is in place of a sign-in sheet.
- Leaving the car in the parking lot, you will take your infant or toddler and supplies through the side gate to Room 22's door. A staff member, wearing gloves and a mask, will greet you, and take your infant or toddler from you.
- Parents should put the child's fully labeled items on the table inside the door of room 22 and then go back to the car. **Please make sure to bring items in a plastic disposable bag.**
- If you have specific questions or too much information to write in the app, please send a message to your child's teacher or call the front desk.
- If you don't have a smartphone or forget yours at home, we will have a device that you may use to log into your Remini account. The device will be brought outside of the EVJCC by a staff person so that you may enter your code and sign in or out.
- You may send an authorized person that is on your emergency form, other than yourself, to drop off or pick up as usual. Please call the front office at 480-897-0588 and we will issue a 1 day code for the person that you authorized to drop off or pick up your child. This person will use our device to log into the app to sign in or out your child.
- We will be sharing your first and last names for the parents and the child with Remini. They will use this **ONLY** for the purpose of providing you with an account that will be linked to your child's classroom. This information is being shared as part of a legal contract with the company.

The following protocols will be in place and may be adjusted periodically as advised by the Maricopa

Health Department, CDC, State of Arizona and the City of Chandler.

HYGIENE

- Gloves and handwashing procedures will be used based on CDC guidelines.
- Everyone - staff and children **MUST** wash their hands with soap and water immediately on entering the center and frequently throughout the day.
- Continue to teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbows.

SICK POLICY

- All children and staff who have a cough or a respiratory illness or a fever must be excluded from child care for **72 hours**. To return in less than 72 hours, a child or staff member must have a doctor's note.
- All children or staff with confirmed COVID-19 must follow the 14-day self-isolation period. Returning is contingent on a negative test result.
- If a child shows any symptoms of illness, they will be isolated from the other children until their parent picks them up. We have a designated isolation room reserved for this purpose. A staff member who shows any symptoms of illness will be sent home immediately.

MASKS

The staff at the EVJCC will follow the Maricopa and CDC guidelines when it comes to wearing masks inside the building.

CLEANING ROUTINES

- Our child care environments will always be immaculate.
- The East Valley JCC will be cleaned by a professional company each evening and by the staff during the day.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned several times/day and all teachers will continue to wash and sanitize toys as per CDC requirements.

ITEMS FROM HOME

- Children may bring nap lovies, blankets (in toddlers, twos and threes) and pacifiers. These items must remain at the EVJCC and will be washed on a weekly basis. Pacifiers will be washed and sanitized on a daily basis.
- All children should have at least 1 change of clothing to be kept in a labeled, zip-top bag that will be kept at the EVJCC.
- **ALL ITEMS FROM HOME MUST BE LABELED WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES.**
- Please don't bring stuffed animals or other personal toys from home. Thank you for understanding.
- Bring at least 2 weeks of supplies - diapers, wipes, diaper cream. Put in a disposable plastic bag, labeled with first, last names and group. All supplies will be wiped down before they are brought into the classroom.
- Please bring all items from home in plastic bags - grocery or zip-top bags are fine. Reusable containers for food are OK but everything should be placed in the grocery or zip-top bag. No backpacks, lunchboxes or other fabric bags.

DAILY ROUTINES

GROUPING

- Children will be kept in their age groups throughout the day.

FOOD

- Snacks and meals need to be brought in sealed zip-top bags with your child's first and last name on each. We request that lunch boxes be kept at home. If you are bringing in breastmilk, please place those bags in a larger zip-top bag, each item inside should be labeled with first and last name as well as date. Indicate on a large zip-top bag if the breast milk should be stored in the freezer or the refrigerator.
- All children will need a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. If your child arrives earlier than 9 or stays later than 3, please consider bringing additional food.
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays parents will have the option of purchasing meals for an additional charge. Mondays: Mac & Cheese; Wednesdays: Quesadillas; Fridays: Pizza. All meals will include 100% juice, a fruit, a vegetable and a dessert. Each meal will cost \$6.50. On Fridays, children will receive challah for snack. All other food should be brought from home and should be nut free. [Click here for an order form. It is an editable pdf and you can email it back to us!](#)

SLEEPING

- Sleep mats, cots and cribs will be spaced out.
- Sheets will be provided by the EVJCC and washed in our laundry room.
- Blankets and lovies from home will be washed weekly, or more often if needed, at the EVJCC.

QUESTIONS

What if my child has challenges with drop-off if I am not there?

Our licensed staff have extensive experience with helping children with transitions and will talk with them calmly, sit with them and redirect them to help them to have a successful drop-off.

What if my child is teething and is running a temperature over 100 degrees?

Please take your child to the doctor and return with a note stating that the child is healthy and is teething.

What if I need to speak with my child's teacher?

You have a couple of options. You can call the EVJCC - 480-897-0588 and be transferred to the classroom. You can also send a message via Remini that the teacher will be able to check later in the day.

What if I need to pick up my child early from the center?

We ask that you please call the EVJCC 480-897-0588 so we can arrange for your child to be brought up to the front and escorted to your car once you arrive and pull up to the front.

We have scheduled Zoom calls for our parents. We encourage you to participate in one of these calls. Please submit your questions in advance to pam@evjcc.org or you can submit questions in the Zoom chats.

How do I use Remini?

Please click on one of the dates below to join one of our live Zoom training classes.

[Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 am](#)

[Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 pm](#)

We are committed to our community and our families to provide a clean and safe facility. We are here for you by phone, email or Remini to assist in any way we can! Know that you can reach out to Pam pam@evjcc.org, Hadassah hadassah@evjcc.org or Rabbi Beyo mbeyo@evjcc.org.

Thank you for your trust and support. We hope and pray your families remain safe and healthy.

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