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Today and tomorrow you may see staff cleaning more furiously than usual. This is not being done due to any known infection but, rather, it is out of an overabundance of caution for the health of our children, staff and community.

All of the cleaners and sanitizers being used are approved for use around children. None of the chemicals used have harsh smells. All hard surfaces will be cleaned and treated. All walls will be wiped down. All floors will be mopped numerous times throughout the day. Rugs will be cleaned with sanitizing cleaner and dried over the weekend. Toys will be soaked and/or wiped down. All cloth items that can be washed will be cleaned on sanitizing cycles.

Because there are so many variables in play I would rather see us clean too much than too little. Your children will still play and go outside and have fun. We will just be cleaning as they're playing.

Please be patient if you see us moving furniture around or throwing laundry in when you pick up or drop off your children. The ladies may not have time to talk if they are cleaning. Rather than close the center to take these precautions, I am staying open right now and the ladies and I will be busy bees to get it all finished. We will do whatever we can to keep the center as clean and germ free as we can. Before the panic for buying up cleaning items set in I stocked up on most of our supplies so we are pretty well loaded with everything we need.

I am cancelling all tours for potential parents for the next few weeks. Our students will play in our yard/rink area and will not go to the local parks for the time being.

We are still hopeful that life will go on as usual at HDC100. In the event we are forced to close I will let you know as soon as I know.

03/09/2020

The safety, health and well-being of our community is the top priority of our center. We are constantly monitoring the numerous alerts from the Center for Disease Control, the New Jersey Department of Health and the City of Hoboken. Due to the widespread coverage of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been in direct contact with all of the above agencies as well as local medical centers in order to discuss the best practices in handling communicable diseases and developing plans in the event we are exposed to the virus.

Although new information regarding communicable diseases has been coming out daily, specifically regarding the Coronavirus, our center has always taken extra precautionary measures during the cold and flu season. We have not only continued our current cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting measures, but we have also increased our sanitizing procedures according to CDC guidelines. I have also been coming in every other weekend to use a child-safe EPA registered hospital antimicrobial agent that kills harmful viruses, bacteria, fungi, mold and mildew, while sanitizing and deodorizing.

How to protect your family:

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Here are a few other things you can do to keep your family healthy and help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. Look for one that is 60% or higher alcohol-based.
- Keep your kids away from others who are sick or keep them home if they are ill.
- Teach kids to cough and sneeze into a tissue (make sure to throw it away after each use!) or to cough and sneeze into their arm or elbow, not their hands.
- Clean and disinfect household objects and surfaces in your home.
- Avoid touching your face; teach your children to do the same.
- Avoid travel to highly infected areas.

**How to prepare for the possibility of school
or childcare closings:**

If there is a COVID-19 outbreak in the community, local public health officials may recommend temporarily closing schools and childcare centers to help slow the spread of illness. Please note that my goal is **NOT** to close the center, if possible. If we are forced to close by the city or the state governments we will have to comply. Working parents can be prepared by having alternative childcare plans or talking with their employers about work from home options during school closings.

If you have any questions please contact me on the Remind App.

Miss Suzanne