

Dear Erik Hite Foundation Families,

During this time of uncertainty we are trying to do our part by keeping our center open and providing the first responders and military community with as many resources as we can provide. Our staff is in full support, voluntarily coming to work as they firmly believe that is the right thing to do in order to support the families that we serve. We hold fast to our motto: “We serve and care for those who serve and protect us” We continue maintaining our “high quality” designation as a child development center. We always maintain high standards of security, cleanliness, and safety for everyone at our center. In response to COVID-19 and following the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the AZ Department of Health and our local Pima County Health Department guidelines, we have tightened our regular protocols. We are asking all parents and caregivers to be especially vigilant in assessing the health of their children and themselves. We reserve the right to excuse any child from the center if they appear to have any symptoms that may be connected to any illness. We plan to err on the side of caution to protect everyone. Please help us follow these guidelines:

- We ask any of our families to immediately disclose possible contact with or exposure to COVID-19 (occupational contact, social or familial contact or travel related contact)
- If your child has been traveling out of state or has been in contact with out of state family/friends, we will require that you keep your child away from school for 14 days. We reserve the right to make decision at our own discretion for the health and safety of everyone
- We are stopping all non-parental caregivers in our lobby. We will be happy to escort children to and from their classrooms both at drop off and pick up in order to reduce the number of adults traveling through our center.
- Please wash yours and your child’s hands in the lobby before bringing your child into the classrooms
- Keep yourselves and your child minimally exposed everywhere.
- Practicing social distancing is very important right now. Wash your hands often!
- Use prudent judgment in keeping your children home if they are not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms of any illness. Keep yourself home if you are sick as well.
- Please pay close attention to the flyers and notices posted throughout our school about symptoms and prevention of this virus.
- Keep the lines of communication open with teachers, staff and other parents. Tell us what your needs are so we can find the resources to help.

For the sake of being kind to each other and taking care of ourselves, other families including our staff, we ask you that you act in a prudent way but making sure you and your child stay home if you develop symptoms that are potentially contagious and possibly fatal to others. With that said, we truly believe that we can get through these hard times if we work together as a team.