

## COVID-19 Group Size/Classroom Space Procedure

**Policy:** PCDC staff will ensure that COVID-19 group size recommendations are followed to prevent the possible spread of germs.

### **Procedure:**

- For infant/toddler classrooms, the maximum group size will be 9 to include teaching staff. Children and staff will be encouraged to maintain 3ft of physical distance and facial coverings will be utilized when 3ft of physical distance cannot be maintained (for children whom it is determined can reliably wear, remove, and handle masks following CDC guidance as indicated by Virginia Department of Social Services Child Care Phase II guidance). Cribs and rest mats will be placed 3ft. apart.
- For preschool classrooms, the maximum group size will be 12 (depending on site) to include teaching staff. Children and staff will be encouraged to maintain 3ft of physical distance and facial coverings will be utilized during school hours. Rest mats and child setting should be placed 3ft apart. This is in accordance within CDC guidelines and the Virginia Department of Education.
- For school age classrooms, the maximum group size will be 17 (depending on site) to include teaching staff. Children and staff will be encouraged to maintain 3ft of physical distance and facial coverings even within 2289 3ft of physical distance cannot be maintained (for children whom it is determined can reliably wear, remove, and handle masks following CDC guidance as indicated by Virginia Department of Social Services Child Care Phase II guidance and the Virginia Department of Education).
- Children will not mix groups between classrooms and siblings will be kept together when possible.
- Outdoor classroom time on respective playgrounds will be utilized as often as weather permits. Outdoor capacity will not exceed a total of 50 persons to include children and staff. Physical distancing of 3ft with masks worn will be maintained outdoors as possible.
- Classroom furniture (centers) will be arranged to give children more space in classrooms. Windows will be opened when possible to allow for fresh air.
- Children will not be permitted to bring items from home other than rest time blankets and changes of clothes. Rest time blankets and changes of clothes will be stored to ensure no contact with these items.
- Individual toys/materials will be utilized whenever possible. Shared toys/materials will be limited to those that can be cleaned and disinfected easily.

