

# COVID-19

# HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



The health and safety of the children in our care is our top priority. As such, all Bright Horizons® Child Care Centers follow special COVID-19 health and safety protocols which are developed based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, direction from state and local public authorities and in partnership with Dr. Kristin Moffitt, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Boston Children's Hospital.

Bright Horizons has always operated its child care centers with stringent health and hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting, and illness exclusion policies because regular health and hygiene practices provide some of the best defenses against the spread of contagious illnesses. In response to the increased challenges of COVID-19, we have implemented the following enhanced protocols at our centers:

## **Enhanced Operating Protocols:**

- ▶ **Nonessential visitors** are not permitted in the center
- ▶ **Posted health notice** restricting entry
- ▶ **Drop-offs/pick-ups** are restricted to the lobby or outside the center
- ▶ **Reduced class sizes** – determined with reference to applicable local guidance
- ▶ **Consistent groupings** in separate classrooms
- ▶ **Outdoor time limited to one group at a time**, with limited back-to-back use of the play area

## **Enhanced Health and Hygiene Protocols:**

- ▶ **Daily temperature and health check** conducted on arrival
- ▶ **Social distancing** is practiced as much as possible
- ▶ **Bright Horizons staff wear face masks/coverings**
- ▶ **Frequent cleaning and disinfecting** of high-touch surfaces, toys, and laundered items
- ▶ **Enhanced COVID-19 exclusion policy** restricting center access in the event of a suspected or known exposure.