



Akamai Kids Club, Inc. School Year 2024-2025

Health Policy Addendum

TO: Parents
FROM: Akamai Kids Club, Inc. (AKCI)
RE: Health Policy Addendum

With respect to AKCI attendance, parents are asked to notify the preschool when a child scheduled to attend will be absent. **Please message us on the school app (brightwheel) or call 868-5372 BEFORE 8:00 am** to report daily absences. Communicable diseases must be reported to the center immediately. If we all work together, we can reduce the spread of communicable illness and our children will remain healthy all year. We ask that you carefully read this COVID-19 Health Policy Addendum and pay special attention to the following:

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- AKCI has completed a thorough and detailed cleaning of our entire facility, with a focus on high-contact areas that would be touched by both employees and children (e.g., desks, equipment, toys, and outdoor play structures).
- Frequent hand washing is preferred over hand sanitizers for our students and we will encourage hand washing throughout the day, not limited to, but at least: upon entry into the preschool, before any meals or snacks, after use of the restrooms, prior to and following any outdoor activity. We will use hand sanitizers if there is no immediate access to running water or between hand washing times as needed.
- AKCI requires staff to frequently sanitize high-touch surfaces and shared resources (e.g., door handles, light switches, etc.) and extra deep cleaning of tables, chairs, etc. daily after hours with EPA-registered disinfectant products. Restroom areas are regularly sanitized based on frequency of use (e.g., throughout the day).
- Families must take home their children's belongings each day to be cleaned. There is no storage of backpacks or other personal items overnight.

Physical Distancing

- AKCI creates child care groups in accordance with the child care rules based on the child's age, and we keep the groups distanced by using separate facility areas, room dividers, multiple rooms, indoors/outdoors, etc. with staggered schedules.
- AKCI is designed with staggered arrival and pick up times in mind. Child care staff will meet families/children at the outdoor playground to minimize contact with other students/staff. We ask that only one parent or guardian bring the student to the entrance of the playground, and waiting families are asked to separate by six-foot distances on the sidewalk path leading up to the entrance of the playground.

Health and Safety

- Any student with a fever at or above 100.4* will not be allowed entry into the preschool. *CDC considers a person to have a fever when the measured temperature is at least 100.4°F.
- If you know that you or another family member has been exposed to Covid, you are required not to enter the facility and quarantine per Hawai'i public health guidelines.

Facility Safety

- Our response procedure for students with any flu-like symptoms or high temperatures is to send them home and keep them separate from other children until they can be picked up. Parents/guardians will be called for immediate pick-up. If it is an emergency, we will call 911 for immediate treatment.
- Anyone who exhibits flu-like symptoms during the hours of preschool operation will be separated from the others while waiting to be picked up.

Child and Parent Expectations

- All students are required to have a completed and updated Emergency Contact Form on file. Any changes to the information therein must be made in writing.
- If a student tests positive for Covid, s/he will not return to the preschool until the quarantine/isolation period has ended per Department of Health guidelines.

Please note that we REQUIRE that all children or staff who have any signs of illness stay at home. Any child who exhibits a fever of over 100.4 degrees or other symptoms of illness will be sent home from the preschool. Sick children will be isolated from other children while waiting to go home.