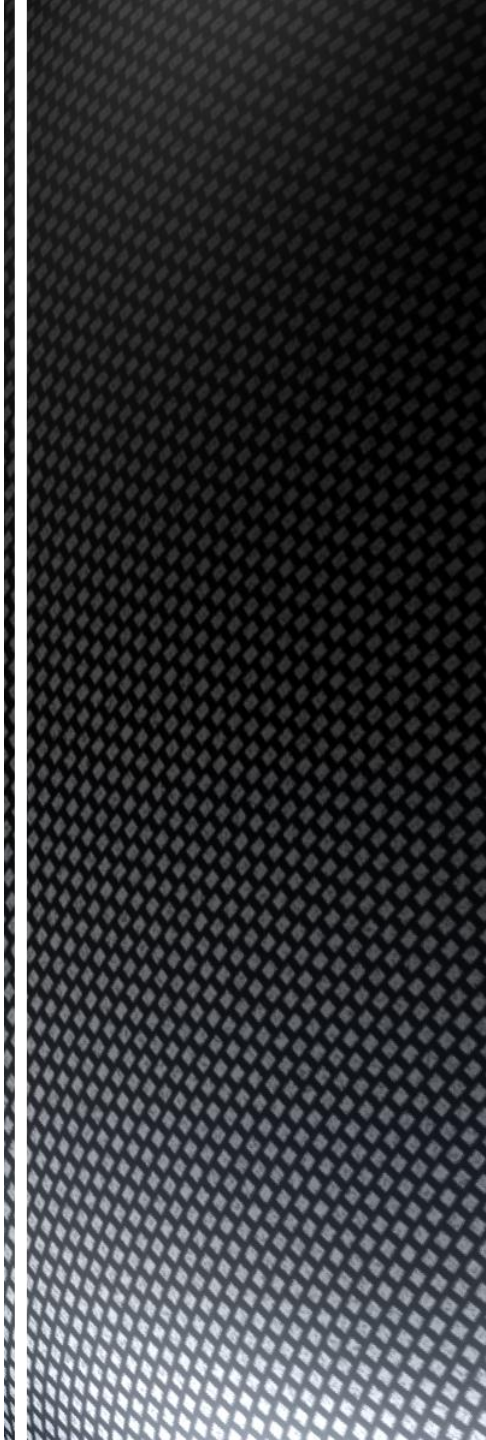
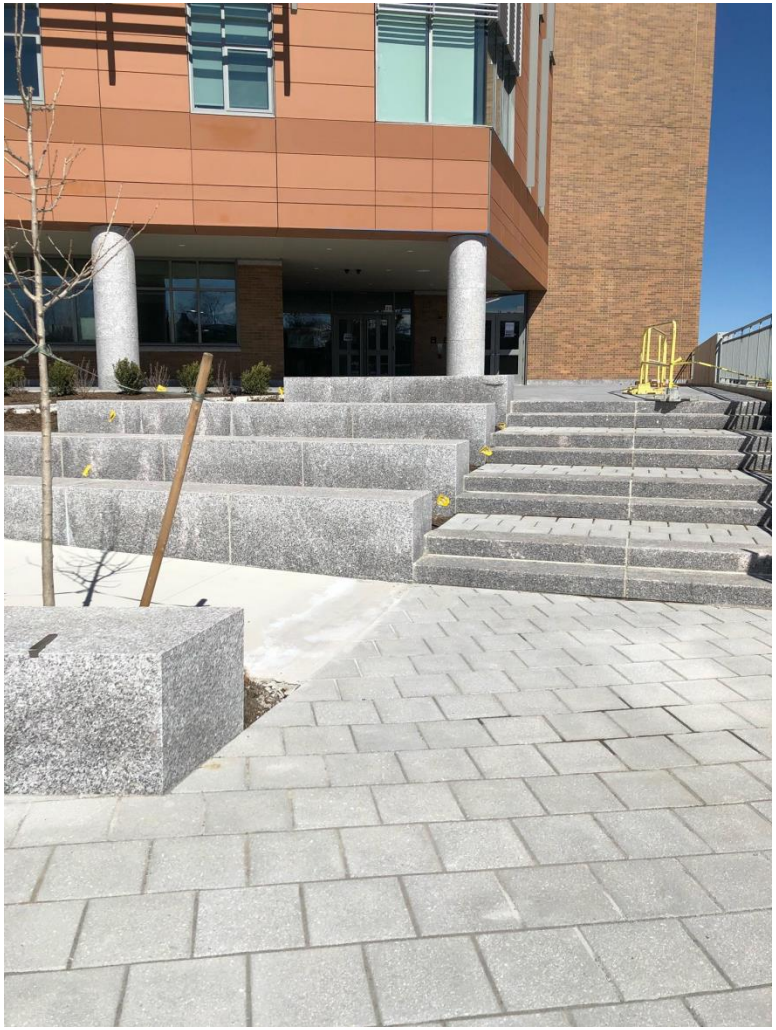
Somerville Child Care Center

Reopening March 2021



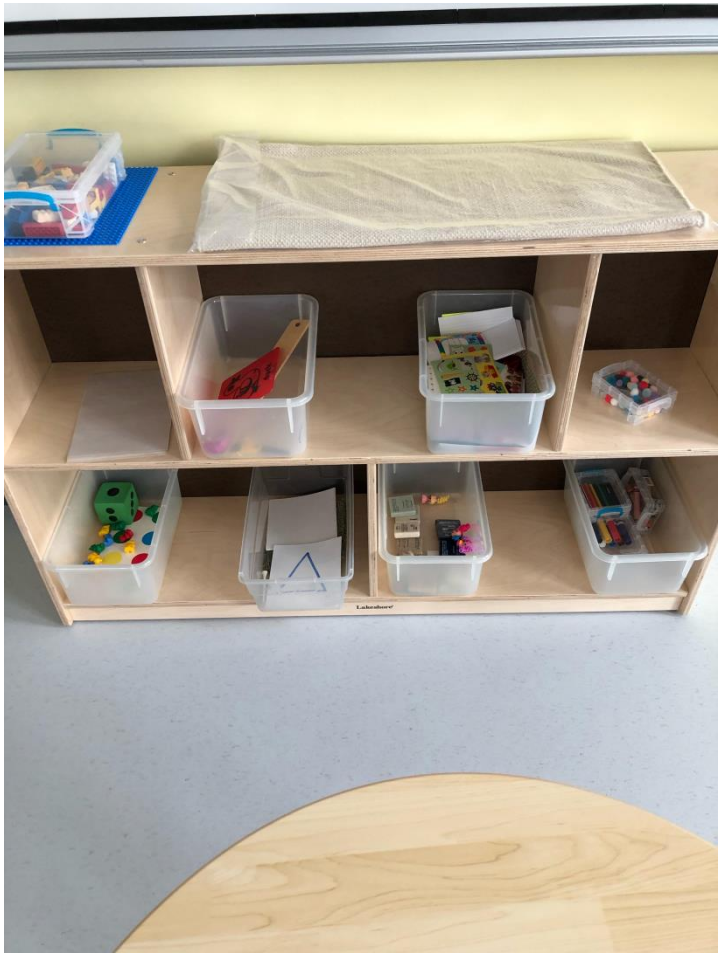


Somerville Child Care Center is located in the Somerville High School.

We are located in the Early Education and Care suite with the Somerville High School's Early Education and Care program.

Children have their own storage spaces in and out of the classroom.

Areas are set up for each child.



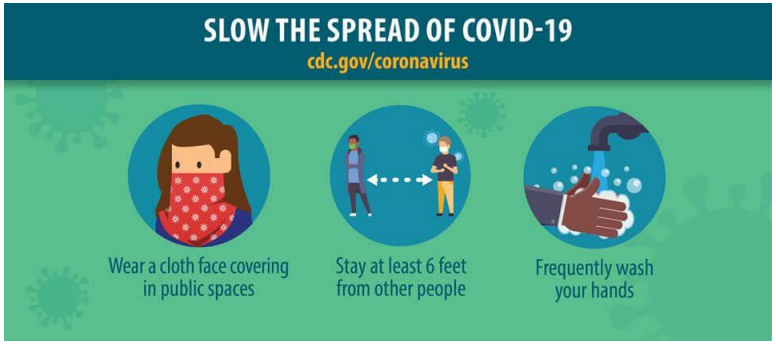
Children have their own areas and supply of materials

On the top of this shelf you will see a container with legos and a mat for the child to use on the floor.
The second shelf has more materials for the child: paper, a “tool box” with a ruler, scissors and a sharpener.
The bottom shelf has counting bears, tracing inlets, toy figures and writing utensils: markers, crayons and colored pencils.

The selection of toys for each setup varies and are rotated regularly.

Children have their own little “kits”.

In this kit children have a magnifying glass to observe the different “gems” and a little book to draw their observations.

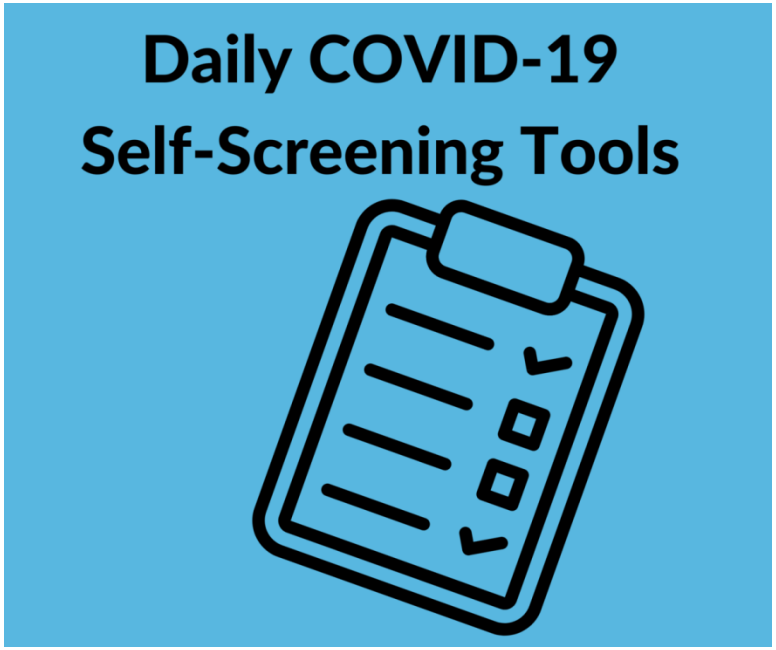


Some health and safety protocols that we are following include, but are not limited to:

SCCC staff qre tested regularly for Covid.

Children attending SCCC are not be required to be tested regularly.

There are significantly fewer cases of COVID in younger children compared to adults and younger children transmit at much lower levels than adolescents or adults.



Each day-

Teachers are required to do a self-screening before coming to work

and

families are asked to perform a screening on their children before bringing them to school.

Each day before your child attends school, screen for COVID-19.

<u>If your child has one of these symptoms, they must stay home:</u>

Fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater)
Chills or shaking chills
New Cough (not due to other known cause)
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Unexplained fatigue (with other symptoms)
Muscle or body aches
Headache (with other symptoms)
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

HAND HYGIENE

Washing hands is more important now than ever.

1. Adults and children must regularly wash their hands throughout the day, including but not limited to

*When entering and exiting the classroom
*Before and after eating
*After sneezing, coughing or nose blowing
*After toileting
*Before and after handling food
*After using any shared equipment
*Before and after administration of medication
*After cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and handling refuse;
*After contact with face mask

2. If handwashing is not available hand sanitizer will be used only with
written parent permission and under adult supervision

Teachers and children are required to wear masks at all times.

Exceptions: eating and resting (if needed, a child make take a short mask break)

We ask that families provide a minimum of two (2) masks in addition to the mask that their child is wearing upon arrival on each day.

Out Of State Travel & Child Care During COVID-19

We ask families to follow the rules in the Governor's Travel Order when returning from travel to help keep child care open for everyone.
This includes not dropping off or picking up your child from care if you are subject to a 14-day quarantine upon return from travel.

Visit mass.gov/MAtraveler **for more information and the most up to date list of lower-risk states.**

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

More information can be found on the Somerville Public Schools' website.

SPS COVID-19 Operations Manual
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