

PARENT POINTS on KEY COVID CHANGES

August 28, 2020

- ICS will start classes on Monday, August 31, 2020
- This is for both Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start classes.
- For safety and health, ICS will only offer online Virtual Learning classes the first nine weeks of the program. The agency will evaluate to determine changes.
- Children will not be in Face-to-Face classes at this time.
- Both the EHS and Head Start programs will be using educational paper activities at the start of the school year.
- Plans are for tablets with learning activities to be issued at a later date. Information on how to access online Virtual Learning classes and the checkout of tablets will be provided to parents.
- ICS must assist with setting up an educational email account for your child to use the ABC Mouse and other programs.
- Once this link is sent out to parents, be sure that your child is logged on daily M-F for online Virtual Learning Classes and so attendance can be counted.
- Tablets will need regular use with daily sign-in.
- If the child does not sign-in within three days or so, access to the tablets may not be allowed.
- Meals will be delivered daily for your enrolled child.
- There will be a morning delivery of breakfast by ICS bus from 8:30 to 9:30 am.
- The second delivery by ICS bus of lunch and snack from 11:30 to 1:00 pm.
- Be sure the address where your child will be is correct.
- It is very important to be available for meal distribution.

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- It is imperative that parents keep telephone numbers current and Emergency /Release Person information accurate and in writing. These are other adults who may act for the parent on behalf of the child as relates to Head Start/EHS.
- Be sure to sign up for REMIND 101 at your center for parent notices about your center. Center Directors will provide this information.
- Obtain an email address if you do not have one and provide it to the center.
- Be sure you have the center's telephone and fax numbers.
- Parents will be notified of any planned changes.
- At this time for safety and health reasons, ICS Centers will restrict visitors.
- For the most part, only staff will be allowed in the centers.
- If you must come to the center and want to come inside, call first.
- Social distancing methods will be implemented with group sizes limited.
- If you must visit a center, you must (1) wear a mask, (2) maintain social distancing, (3) have your temperature taken and (4) answer COVID-19 health questions. Any person, approved for entering a center, who has no mask will be provided with a mask.
- We will all need to cooperate and adapt.
- This is a chance to model cooperation and kindness. We thank you.
- Stay patient.
- There will be a learning time on new procedures.
- If any contagious disease occurs, ICS will follow instructions by the MS Dept. of Health for parent notification as well as disinfecting / sanitizing procedures.
- If you have any parent concerns, please speak with your Center Director to resolve issues.