



# Cline Avenue Fellowship Childcare

*Christ-Centered Education and Care*

Monday, March 16, 2020

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19

Childcare Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well, even amid the sobering series of events as our nation responds daily to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We wanted to make you aware and assure you that we, the staff and elders of CAFC, are closely monitoring the reports of the coronavirus and how it impacts the safety and function of our childcare ministry. We want to be proactive and considerate in matters concerning the health of your child, your family, and our employees as we make difficult, but necessary decisions with the utmost care for your physical well-being.

After reviewing the most current information available and the government mandates we follow, specifically that of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), and the office of Indiana Governor Holcomb, ***we have decided to remain open at this time as allowed by these governing officials***. We will continue to review the situation and will make any necessary decisions based on what is required of us by the governing officials and what is wise for all parties.

We want to share with you a little bit behind the heart of why we have chosen to remain open. We understand many schools in our community and surrounding area are making the difficult, but necessary, decision to close. While there is wisdom in this, we see the importance of the ministry and service we offer through our childcare to the many families who depend on us for care and education and want to remain open while we can. We have discussed ways we can continue to provide a safe and clean environment for your children, and we want to assure you that we are taking additional measures to be as safe as we possibly can while we remain open.

That being said, if you are concerned with keeping your child in our care, please let us know. We are willing to work with you any way we can and understand. We ask if your child is sick or has been sick, please operate with wisdom (as we are operating) and follow the policies provided in the parent handbook (copies are available in the office). Also, if you or your child do become ill, please let us know if there is any way we can serve you or pray for you as a church family.

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These are not easy decisions, but we think they are the best way for us to care for your children, your families, and our employees in this critical time. As Christians, we also know in the midst of these chaotic and critical times, there is a God who is in control of it all and wants to bring greater good these painful and uncertain seasons. If we can encourage you or support you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Pastors, the Director, or any of our staff who can provide help. We want to assure you we will do our very best to monitor, to follow the mandates of governing officials, and to communicate with you as quickly as possible. We are so grateful for your flexibility and understanding during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you have in mind.

In Christ,

Pastor Joe Best, Director Jessica Gluth, and the Elders of CAFC

**List of Helpful Resources:**

- CDC Official Site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC Cleaning Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Indiana Coronavirus Resource Page: <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>
- FSSA Website: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/>
- Childcare Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Clineavechildcare/>

**Cline Avenue Childcare Sickness Policy**

- If your child has had one of the following symptoms, they are not allowed to return to school the following day:
  - Fever (anything over 101 degrees)
  - Diarrhea (2 occurrences or more)
  - Vomiting (1 occurrence)
  - Undiagnosed skin rash (Requires doctor's note to return)
  - Communicable Disease (Example: Chicken pox, pink eye, lice, etc.) (Requires doctor's note to return)