

# Bright Horizons at University of South Carolina

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why do families choose Bright Horizons?

At Bright Horizons®, we know childhood is a treasured time. We believe it is our responsibility to provide environments and experiences that capture the joys of childhood, nurture each child's individual growth and development, and pave the way for success in school and life.

### What is Bright Horizons doing in response to COVID-19?

At Bright Horizons, we've implemented enhanced COVID-19 protocols, designed to keep your child and your family healthy and safe. Our protocols align with CDC recommendations, as well as state and local requirements and include:

- ▶ Daily temperature and health check conducted on arrival
- ▶ Enhanced COVID-19 exclusion policy for suspected or known exposure
- ▶ Face masks or coverings required for all center staff
- ▶ Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, toys, and laundered items
- ▶ Outdoor time limited to one group at a time, with limited back-to-back use of the play area
- ▶ Restricted center access — nonessential visitors are not allowed
- ▶ Strict hand-washing and sanitary policies to prevent the spread of germs

We continue to consult with experts and monitor updated guidance to ensure our protocols evolve with new learning around COVID-19, so that children, families, and teachers are protected.

### What curriculum will be used at the center?

Our research-based *World at Their Fingertips*® curriculum meets children where they are developmentally, with Signature Practices that build confidence and excitement about learning at every age and stage. In every classroom, the goal is to help children do more than learn; it's to cultivate the joy of learning. And our emergent approach — teaching skills by leveraging a child's own interests — enables teachers to tailor activities and projects for the specific talents and needs of each child in the class.

### What are the qualities and qualifications of the teaching and care staff?

Bright Horizons works to recruit and hire the highest quality teachers. Their staff are nurturers as well as educators who encourage learning through exploration and partnership with parents. They're trained to deliver the highest standard of care. All candidates undergo a thorough screening, including a Bright Horizons enhanced background check and state-required background checks. All teachers must meet state educational licensing and additional center requirements.

### What programs are offered?

Our center offers personalized infant care with sensory-rich spaces to explore and soft places to rollover, pull up, and crawl, plus, well-balanced toddler, preschool, and kindergarten prep programs that focus on the whole child.

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