



**Play Centers, Inc. / Play and Learn**  
 "Your First Choice for Quality Child Care and Education"  
 in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City,  
 and Baltimore County



**Play Centers, Inc. Emergency Closing Policy –  
 Baltimore County Public Schools**

**Inclement Weather**

- When Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) are closed for inclement weather, Play Centers, Inc. programs will also be closed.
- When there is a delay in the opening of schools due to inclement weather, the BCPS Superintendent requires that all on-site before school child care programs will remain closed on that morning.
- When there is an unscheduled early school dismissal due to inclement weather, the BCPS Superintendent requires that all on-site after school child care programs be closed on that afternoon. When schools close at the regular dismissal time, but the BCPS Superintendent determines that BCPS afternoon activities are being cancelled due to inclement weather, it is required that all on-site after school programs be closed on that afternoon.

**Other Emergencies Requiring Alteration to Operating Hours**

In the event of a utility outage or other emergency that impacts the operation of the center, Play Centers, Inc. will evaluate the situation with regard to safety, licensing requirements, etc., to determine the status of operations. These types of emergencies may necessitate either an immediate early closing or the closing of the center for the full day, often without warning.

**Notifications**

Alerts regarding emergencies are made available in a variety of ways. Play Centers, Inc. sends email notifications and cell phone text message alerts to individuals who have opted in writing to receive these communications. Please see your Center Director for information on how to sign-up for these notifications or for guidance on how to update your contact information. In addition, alerts are posted on Facebook.

**Reminders**

- Be sure to establish your *child's emergency after school child care plan* in advance.
- Be sure to communicate this plan to the school administration and to his/her teacher, to ensure that the proper alternate care plan is followed properly, in the event that Play Centers cannot operate after school. Updates to this plan should be communicated as they occur. In addition, your child should be told the emergency after school child care plan as well, so they are prepared for this process and worry-free.
- Refunds/credits will not be issued for these days.

***I have read and understand the Emergency Closing Policy for Play Centers, Inc. programs in Baltimore County Public Schools.***

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_