



Good Shepherd Preschool
Preserving *Childhood*... planting *faith*

Health Precautions

Provisional health precautions during COVID.

**100.0 temp is different than stated in our parent handbook. 100.0 temp will be followed until further notice.

As we begin the school year, Good Shepherd is continuing our commitment to provide a healthy and safe preschool environment. Here are the Health Precautions implemented.

1. Arrival:

- a. **Parents will not enter the classroom.** Ring the classroom doorbell, a teacher will greet you and your child at the door to transition your child in and out of the classroom.
- b. **Face coverings are required for all adults.**
- c. **Bring your pen to sign your child in.**
- d. Adults maintain **6-foot physical distance from each other.**
 - i. **Do not hold the main gate or doors open for others.**
 - ii. *Infant and Full Day Families:* Wait for 6-feet away from the main gate and classroom sign-in areas when other families are present in the area.
 - iii. When greeting parents at the door, teachers will attempt to respect 6-foot physical distancing. This may be difficult for younger children experiencing separation stress, teachers will assess and adjust for the child's needs.
- e. Child's temperature will be taken with a no-touch temporal artery thermometer. Children with a temperature over 100.0 will be excluded from preschool until fever free and symptom-free for 24 hours or more. **
Thermometers are wiped with alcohol after each use.
 - i. *Infant/Toddler Families:* Ring the doorbell next to the Infant Toddler door, a teacher will come out to take your child's temperature in front of the Infant Toddler door.
 - ii. *Full Day Families:* Office Personnel will come out to take your child's temperature outside of the main gate. Ring the Preschool Office doorbell if no one comes out of the Preschool Office to greet you.
- f. Teachers will assist children with handwashing when they enter the classroom. Handwashing is done many times throughout the day.
- g. **Hand Sanitizing Stations** are set up outside the main gate and near all classroom doors for parents to use and supervise their children's use of.
- h. **Parents may not linger on campus or Court Yard playground or interact with any children** playing on the yard. Please leave promptly.

2. Physical Distancing

- a. Children are remaining in groups as small as possible. The same teachers are interacting with the same children.
- b. During snack and meals, more tables are being used to provide distancing between children.
- c. Teachers wear gloves when serving children snack individually rather than snack being served "family style".
- d. Smaller group activities are planned and done throughout the day.
- e. Carpet squares, yarn, masking tape, or other materials are used to create space for children during gathering times.

3. Classrooms

- a. Toys, furniture, chairs, tables, and door handles are cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day.
- b. Soft toys that cannot be cleaned and disinfected have been removed.
- c. Teachers are reinforcing healthy habits including proper handwashing procedures, sanitizing sinks, and toilet handles throughout the day.
- d. Air conditioners are set between 72-74 degrees, windows are opened to ventilate classrooms before and after children arrive.
- e. Napping cots and mats are spaced 3 feet apart with head-to-toe orientation. Infants are placed in cribs with head-to-toe orientation.
- f. Teachers wear gloves when applying sunscreen on children and change gloves between each child.
- g. Infant Toddler's Nap Room and Exploration Room have air purifiers.

4. Children's Bathrooms

- a. Sinks and toilet seats and handles are sanitized before and after each child's use
- b. Children are being taught to use a tissue when using a toilet handle to flush the toilet.

5. Playgrounds

- a. Staggered Outdoor Classroom times are followed morning and afternoon.
- b. Toys, bike handles, play structures, tables, and door handles are cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day.
- c. A water jug and individual cups are available, drinking fountains are closed.

6. Staff

- a. The staff's temperature is taken with a no-touch temporal artery thermometer. Any adult with a temperature over 100.0 will be excluded until fever and symptom-free for 24 hours or more. **
- b. Teachers wash their hands when entering a new space, staff lounge, classroom, the kitchen area, etc.
- c. Staff lounge, teachers adhere to the 6 feet social distancing guidance.
- d. Staff lounge, teachers disinfect their eating area after eating.
- e. Staff computer workstation, one teacher at a time and disinfected after use.
- f. Staff lounge and workspaces are disinfected daily and, as needed, throughout the day.
- g. Handwashing (and use of hand sanitizers) is being done in excess.

- h. Weather permitting, breaks will be taken outside.
- i. Face coverings are always required. Our staff may adjust their face covering for differing circumstances. Some circumstances may include, high levels of activity, teaching a lesson (reading books or singing) or when reassuring a child. Teachers will continue to maintain social distancing.
- j. As our infants through three-year old children are starting new classrooms, teachers will wear smocks. Smocks will be changed when a child's bodily fluids come in contact with the smock.
- k. Burp cloths are used when staff are bottle feeding or holding a child.