



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.

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.**
 - i. *Infant Toddler and Full Day Families:* 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.
 - ii. *Discovery Room Families:* A teacher will greet you and your child at the classroom door to transition your child in and out of the classroom.
- b. **Face coverings are required for all adults.**
- c. **Face coverings, mask or face shields are strongly recommended** for children two years and older, if they can be worn properly.
- d. Adults maintain **6-foot physical distance from each other.**
 - i. 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.
 - ii. **Do not hold the main gate or doors open for others.**
- e. Child's temperature will be taken with a no-touch temporal artery thermometer. Children with a temperature over 100.0 will not be able to attend 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.
 - iii. *Discovery Room Families:* Discovery Room's Greeter will wave at you to come forward with your child to have your child's temperature taken. Once the temperature is taken, say goodbye to your child before they enter the classroom.
- 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. **Families may not linger on campus or the Court Yard playground. Leave the campus promptly.** When walking through the Court Yard playground **do not interact with any children playing on the yard.**

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 not be able to attend preschool until fever free 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-foot 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 are being done regularly.
- 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.

7. Travel Advisory: The State of California has issued a new travel advisory that **recommends** a 14-day self-quarantine upon entering or re-entering California after non-essential travel.