



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

Health Protocols

Provisional health protocols during COVID.

Good Shepherd is continuing our commitment to provide a healthy and safe preschool environment. Here are the updated Health Protocols implemented.

1. Arrival

a. **When using the QR code to sign in, you are confirming your child:**

- is not experiencing any COVID-19 like symptoms
- has not been in close contact with anyone who is known to have a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 test within the last 14 days

b. **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. *Kindergarten Bound Klub and 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. For KBK, if your class is outdoors at the time of drop-off, please see the preschool office for assistance.

c. **Face coverings are required for all adults while indoors. *Optional while outdoors**

d. **Face coverings or face shields are strongly recommended** for children

two years and older while indoors. ***Optional while outdoors**

To help with congestion at the classroom doors, we ask that you place a covering on your child before entering the main gate when arriving at school.

e. Adults maintain **a 6-foot physical distance from each other while indoors.**

- 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 anxiety. Teachers will assess and adjust to the child's needs.
- ii. **Do not hold the main gate or doors open for others.**

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.

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 will remain in groups as small as possible. The same teachers are interacting with the same children daily.
- b. Teachers wear gloves when serving children snack individually rather than snacks being served "family style."
- c. Smaller group activities are planned and done throughout the day.

3. Classrooms

- a. Toys, furniture, chairs, and tables are cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day.
- b. Teachers reinforce healthy habits, including proper handwashing procedures, sanitizing sinks and toilet handles throughout the day.
- c. Air conditioners are set between 72-74 degrees; windows are opened to ventilate classrooms before and after children arrive.
- d. Napping cots and mats are spaced 3 feet apart with head-to-toe orientation. Infants are placed in cribs with head-to-toe orientation.
- e. Teachers wear gloves when applying sunscreen on children and change gloves between each child.
- f. Infant Toddler's Nap Room and Exploration Room, Kindergarten Bound Klub, and Discovery 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 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 and tables 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. All staff have signed and attested to their commitment to keeping our school community healthy and safe.
- b. Teachers wash their hands when entering a new space.
- c. Staff adhere to the 6-foot social distancing guidance while indoors.
- d. Staff lounge is closed. Breaks are taken outside, off-campus or in the classroom while children are not present.
- e. Handwashing and use of hand sanitizers are being done regularly.
- f. **Face coverings are always required while indoors.** Face coverings are required for all adults regardless of vaccination status outdoors while within 3 feet of a student.
- g. 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.
- h. Burp cloths are used when staff are bottle feeding or holding a child.

7. Whether your travel is domestic or international, the State of California current travel recommendation is to follow [CDC travel guidelines](#) for testing, masking, and quarantine.