

Weekday Preschool Health & Safety Policy 2022



Keeping Everyone Healthy

Weekday Preschool Health and Safety Practices

Children's health and safety are our top priorities. Working together we can take assertive measures to protect our children and keep them in good health. Weekday Preschool is implementing advanced measures to keep children safe and reduce risks of spreading communicable illnesses.

NEW Drop off Procedures

1) We CANNOT admit any child exhibiting any of the following symptoms into the program:

- Fever of 99.4 or above
- ****CONSISTENT COUGH
- Thick YELLOW or GREEN Runny Nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing / wheezing
- Chills, Body achiness or Muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache**
- Sore throat**
- **Has had any contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; or is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness in the previous 10 days.**

****A CONSISTENT COUGH is defined as a cough that continues repeatedly; whether wet or dry.

****If parents recognize their child's cough as ALLERGY related; parents MUST present a Doctor's Note stating the cough is not contagious and ALLERGY related from your family Pediatrician.

**These symptoms are considered NOT admissible if SEVERE or COMBINED with any of the other symptoms listed!

2) CAR LOOP ONLY drop off and pick Up!

- A teacher will joyfully greet each child at the CAR LOOP lane of the school and while the child is IN the car the teacher will apply hand sanitizer spray.
- ***The teacher will ask the parent for a DAILY health check- which means Parents will sign affirming they completed a daily health check at home and consenting their child has had NO symptoms in the last 24 hours and has not received fever reducing or symptom reducing medicine in that time period.***
- Upon entering the building children will immediately **wash their hands with soap and water.**
- Once the child has entered the classroom, the child's temperature will be taken by the teacher with a Touchless Infrared Thermometer and recorded.
- Access to the building is LIMITED to teachers, students and essential personnel only.
- All teachers entering the building undergo a daily health and temperature check.
- Parents are NOT permitted inside the building but can share any cares and concerns at car loop.
- The Director will always be outside & available for concerns at pick up and drop off.
- **Any bike riders must line up and maintain position in the car loop. ***Vehicle transportation recommended******
- All classrooms will have drop off time of 9 am, but each car should be labeled with a COLOR CODED CAR TAG on the FRONT & REAR of the car. This allows the 3 year classes to proceed forward to their classroom doors while the VPK line will be stationed by the VPK doors.
- **We have found that car loop makes for a SMOOTHER transition for the children at drop off and allows us to do DAILY health checks for everyone's wellbeing!**

3) New Lunch Bunch Procedures

- The Lunch Bunch teacher will provide a health and temperature check prior to the child entering the Lunch Bunch Room.
- The temperature and health check will be Documented and Signed by the teacher.
- Children will wash hands **with soap and water before** entering the Lunch Bunch Room.

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- Pick Up from Lunch Bunch will be by Car loop ONLY at the Preschool Entrance.
- Parents will continue to sign up at the Lunch Bunch desk which will be located at the COVERED WALKWAY.
*Parents may pull forward to the grassy area beyond the walkway and exit the car and sign the LB BOOK. *

Increased Handwashing Practices

1. Children will wash their hands **with soap & water before** joining activities in the classroom and when **departing**.
2. Children will **wash hands before & after meals, before & after potty times, & after coming in from playground.**

Modified Sick Policy

1. Children with a temperature exceeding 99.4 degrees will be excluded from the group, and **parent/guardian must pick up within 30 minutes of being notified.**
2. Children may ONLY return to school after a **FULL 48 hours of being fever & symptom free without medication.**
3. **A doctor's note stating the child may return to group care will be required for any lingering symptoms that are said to be non-contagious!**
4. ** If your child suffers from seasonal allergies and has overt symptoms, the parent must provide a letter from their Family Pediatrician listing their child's typical allergy symptoms to be kept on file. **

Additional Classroom/ Playground Cleaning Processes

1. Staff will clean, sanitize, and disinfect classrooms morning, snack/ lunch time, and at close of the day, paying special attention to more frequently touched surfaces.
2. All small toys will be sanitized in Bleach water daily.
3. Sensory Bins will be limited to one child at a time and sanitized in between.
4. Playground equipment will be sanitized after each group visits.
5. Classes will have DESIGNATED play bins for use on the playground. So no other groups will play with the same items as the group before. These separate bins of PG Toys will be cleaned and sanitized daily
6. Directors will sanitize front & back entrances at the beginning and end of each preschool day.
7. Common areas will be sanitized throughout the day.

Additional Protective Practices to Control Spread of Germs

1. Increased **modeling and directing children to cover coughs and sneezes. (PLEASE practice this at HOME!)**
2. We will **REFRAIN** from bringing Back Packs to school! This decreases the back & forth of items between school and home and helps with keeping the environment sanitary.
3. **LUNCH BOXES** are accepted but we are requesting whenever possible; disposable bags be used so they can be disposed of daily.
4. **INDIVIDUAL** refillable **WATER ONLY** bottles/ thermos' are requested; labeled with the child's first and last name.
5. **ALL** personal items will be stored in the child's individual cubby. This includes a set of spare clothes to be left at school in the child's cubby.
6. Teachers will send home **WEEKLY** individual plastic folders with notes and art work. **PLEASE RETURN weekly.**
7. Play centers will be limited to two to four children at a time.
8. **If your child wakes up in the morning with a temperature, please do not bring them to the preschool.**
9. Children who attend **LUNCH BUNCH** will have a second temperature check before attending and the results will be documented.
10. **If a fever arises in a child, the child will be brought to the preschool office and the parents will be called for immediate pickup.**
11. Substitute staff will be called into the classroom if any teacher feels ill.

Working together to keep each child healthy and safe!



*“As for God, His way is perfect: The Lord's Word is flawless;
He shields ALL who take refuge in Him”* Psalm 18:30