

FAQ's for Parents of Preschoolers

Frequently Asked Questions

Q - What are the ages of children who are served in preschool?

A – The preschool ministry includes infants through kindergarten.

Q - What are the guidelines for class sizes?

A - We will consider and follow when possible, the ratios recommendations issued by the state. We are thankful to have a large preschool area that allows us plenty of space to meet these recommendations.

Infants: 4 to 1

Younger Toddlers: 5 to 1

Older Toddlers: 6 to 1

2 Years: 8 to 1

3 Years: 10 to 1

4 Years: 10 to 1

Kindergarten: 10 to 1

Q - What strategies will be used to support social distancing in the classrooms?

A – To the extent possible, social distancing will be encouraged. Classes will not be combined and the same staff will remain with the class throughout the session. Playground times will be staggered. The classroom environment and lesson plans will be modified so that children are engaged in independent individualized learning centers. Group activities will be altered or halted.

Q - What cleaning and disinfecting enhancements can we expect?

A - In addition to our existing protocols, efforts will be intensified. We have a comprehensive plan to maintain a healthy preschool environment. Staff have attended in-house training related to our enhanced safety and hygiene practices. In addition, staff have completed online health and safety COVID-19 related courses. Toys that cannot be easily cleaned and sanitized have been removed from the classrooms. Toys will be limited as to the number that can reasonably be expected to clean after each use. Each classroom has access to hand sanitizer and two sinks for hand washing. To minimize sharing of supplies, individual boxes of supplies will be provided for each child containing scissors, glue stick, crayons, markers, etc.

Q - What are the procedures for drop-off and pick-up?

A - As families gather, signage will provide social distancing reminders. Each family will receive a copy of our wellness policies. To avoid large gathering in the halls and at the classroom doors, we are limiting traffic entering the building.

Check-in stations will be monitored by a staff member. Personal items brought into the facility will be limited to necessities. No personal toys, please. We encourage parents not to send diaper bags or backpacks. Instead, pack only the necessities in a gallon Ziploc bag. Parents will provide diapers, wipes, food, drink, extra clothing, etc. for the needs of their child. All items need to be pre-labeled.

Q – Will a snack be served?

A – A light snack of crackers and juice will be served during both hours to children in our care. (Toddlers – kindergarten)

Q - Are there any screening policies for the children?

A - Parents have an important role in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for children in our care. Parents should monitor the health of their child and not attend if they are displaying any symptoms that could cause others to become ill. While temperature checks will not be required for children, parents will be asked to confirm that their child's health is in compliance with our wellness policy. Children unable to pass the screening will not be able to enter the building.

Q -What is the preschool wellness policy?

A - Children who have displayed any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours may not participate in our programs:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Undiagnosed Rash
- Red eyes with discharge
- Runny nose that requires constant wiping
- Any injury or condition that would restrict child from participating in daily activities.

If a child develops any of these symptoms while in our care, he/she will be removed from the classroom. You will be contacted and asked to pick up your child immediately. This is for the protection of all children and their teachers. A doctor's written approval for returning to the classroom may be required for some illnesses.

Q - Will there be screening for paid staff?

A - Prior to entering the facility, all staff will be screened. The screening will include a temperature check and documentation to confirm that they do not

have any of the symptoms that could cause others to become ill, and is in compliance with our existing wellness policies. Employees unable to pass the screening will not be able to enter the building.