



# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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## COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures at the FOR Kids Preschool



At FOR Kids Preschool, we strive to provide the best possible school experience for all of our families and staff. Above all, that means providing a safe environment everyday. We constantly review and revise our safety protocols and procedures to align with the most up to date guidance from the CDC and our local health department.

Given our commitment to consider all of the health guidelines for childcare facilities outlined by CDC and the MCHD, we do our best to ensure each child is entering a safe environment daily.

At FOR Kids Preschool, we will maintain our commitment to provide a Christ-centered environment that encourages play and socialization of the students safely. All staff are trained on COVID-19 health and safety policies and procedures.

The following procedures have been established to minimize the potential risk of disease exposure and to ensure sustainability for our preschool. Parents can anticipate that:

- Classrooms are self-contained throughout the day. Students will not interact with children in other classrooms, nor will any classes be combined at this time. All children will remain with the same peers for all of their lessons, lunch and playtime.
- We support parents who want their child to wear a mask throughout the entire day, and we will work to the best of our ability to ensure the child adheres to those desires.
- While children are in their self-contained classrooms, we will not **require** them to wear face coverings, but all staff will wear PPE throughout the day.
- Children in the 2's, 3's and 4's classes will be **required** to wear face coverings when walking through the hallway, going to and from the car line, and on the playground or communal play areas.
- We want to acknowledge that maintaining social distances with preschool children is difficult, however, we will encourage free-play in different stations within the classrooms and methodically space out the children as much as possible.
- We will take logical measures to limit sharing between children while in their self-contained classes.
- Teachers may occasionally hold, nurture and comfort students as appropriate, but they will use PPE, regularly sanitize surfaces, and deep clean at the end of each day.
- Children wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.
- The FOR Kids Preschool will receive professional cleaning services twice throughout the week and professional-level fumigations twice a month. Teachers have a daily cleaning chart they will follow throughout the day.
- Store-bought individually wrapped snacks will be provided by the preschool to limit the number of items traveling between school and home. Please keep in mind that donations towards our snack fund are encouraged but not required. Staff will wear gloves and offer each child their own mid-morning snack.



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- Temperatures will be taken before entering the building for all children and staff.
- If your child shows any of COVID related symptoms during the school day, we will contact you immediately and the child needs to be picked up within the hour.
- Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they show any signs of illness such as a runny nose, persistent or worsening cough, fever (100.4), headaches, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, sore throat or if your family has been exposed to someone with these symptoms. A child with a 100.4 temperature or higher will not be permitted in the building.
- Parents or guardians will be required to complete a health form each morning at drop-off verifying the health of everyone living in your home.
- Each child will first wash their hands before entering their classroom.
- If your family has had a COVID-19 exposure we ask that you please notify the school immediately and begin your isolation period for a minimum of 10 days after any symptoms shown.
- If anyone in your home has a COVID-19 exposure or symptoms, the child must have a negative PCR test to be admitted back into school.
- It is our standard policy to not provide tuition refunds. However, COVID related absences or closures will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Families will be notified if that policy changes.
- Children who test positive by a mouth or nasal swab test but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of the preschool until 10 days after the specimen was collected.
- The preschool director will notify preschool staff, church staff, and preschool families in the event of a possible and/or confirmed exposure of COVID-19 within the preschool. Names will not be provided for someone that does test positive for COVID-19. However, the class that was directly exposed will be specified in the communication. The preschool director will also communicate to all families when there is a positive case.
- If your child has **any** of the following symptoms, they need to be tested for COVID and can return back to school with a negative PCR test:
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - New or worsening persistent cough
  - Fever (100.4)
  - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- If your child has **any two** of the following symptoms, they need to be tested for COVID and can return back to school with a negative PCR test:
  - Sore throat
  - Chills
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Fatigue
  - Diarrhea
  - Headache
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea

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- In order to ensure the safety of our staff and students, FOR Kids Preschool reserves the right to carry out these policies above until it is deemed otherwise. We are a small school. An illness could force us to shut down temporarily if we have an outbreak. The school is making every effort to best use the facilities, staff, and program to care for your children.
- To accomplish this, the school's leadership maintains the authority to make final decisions on closures for the school (or parts of it) and the admission of children who may exhibit signs of illness. Everyone at FOR Kids Preschool would like to thank you for your cooperation during these unique times.
- We are striving to provide every child with the best possible school experience and safe environment. We look forward to serving your family. This document will be updated constantly to reflect our local health department and CDC guidelines. See the most updated version on our website ([forkidspreschool.com](http://forkidspreschool.com)) or the ProCare App. Any questions about these Covid-19 related policies and procedures can be directed to: [info@forkidspreschool.com](mailto:info@forkidspreschool.com)