

# First Presbyterian Church Early Preschool COVID-19 Guidelines (will be updated as necessary)

First Presbyterian Church Early Preschool is committed to providing exemplary care for our preschool families. Because of the uncertainty and ever-changing information about COVID-19, we acknowledge that there are inherent risks for our health and wellbeing when gathered in groups like the Early Preschool as long as the coronavirus remains in our community. The Early Preschool is following CDC recommendations and DHS guidelines to the best of our ability in order to mitigate the risk of gathering in groups.

To this end, the Early Preschool is implementing several new procedures. It is probable that these procedures will be revised over time. Changes will be announced in emails, text messages, brightwheel.

## Procedures for mitigating the risk against spreading COVID-19.

### Extra cleaning and sanitizing

- Teachers will sanitize highly touched areas several times/day.
- SFM (our cleaning company) will sanitize each room every night with an Electro-static sprayer.

### Daily health screening for staff and children.

- All Early Preschool staff will self-screen before entering the preschool wing.
- Parents will be asked to answer the following screening questions:
  1. Has your child had fever of 100.4 in the last 48 hours?
  2. Has your child had a cough or shortness of breath?
  3. Is anyone in your household waiting for COVID-19 test results?
  4. Has your child been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

An answer of yes to any of these questions will lead to discussion with the director to consider excluding the child from school for that day. Children must be fever free without medication for 48 hours before returning to school.

### Face coverings and physical distancing

- All adults will wear face coverings while inside the church building.
- All children except the Duckies and the Polliwogs will be encouraged to wear face coverings while inside the church building. Your child will never be disciplined for not wearing a face covering. We will use this as a teaching opportunity, and we will encourage the children to wear their face covering. If your child will not wear a face covering, it is okay.
- Children will bring at least 2 clean face coverings to school every day.
- Adults are expected maintain a 6-foot physical distance from others while at the Early Preschool.

### Parents and other adult visitors

- Parents and non-essential visitors will not be allowed in the Early Preschool wing.

### Classroom changes

- Classes will maintain pods with their common age groups.
- Every effort will be made for classes to stay a safe physical distance but children within the group will not be asked to physically distance in the classroom.
- There will be a great effort to have as much classroom time as possible outside.

## Drop off and Pick up procedures

You will have a specific drop off and pick procedure depending on the classroom that your child is assigned to. We use multiple entry points so that physical distancing is possible, and groups of children are not mixed.

## If your child becomes sick

If a child becomes sick at school, parents are asked to pick up a sick child within 30 minutes after being contacted by school administration. Children are permitted to return to the Early Preschool with a doctor's note when they are no longer contagious.

## When a family has a possible exposure

If your family is notified of a possible or direct exposure to COVID 19, it is your obligation to stay home until it has been determined that you are not a risk to have the virus. Please contact [???????](#) to inform her about your possible exposure.

If a child or teacher in the program tests positive, all children and adults who had direct contact with the person will be asked to monitor for symptoms and isolate for at least **10** days from the exposure date.

Definition: Direct exposure is defined as within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.

The Early Preschool will have a 10 day at home experience planned for possible closures. Teachers will share the plan when/if necessary.

## Brightwheel

We are so happy to use many features that Brightwheel offers, including hands free check in using a QR code (you will need your smartphone).