

# Preschool Ministry Updated Covid Policies

## Drop off

Only screened and approved preschool staff and volunteers will be allowed inside the Kinkeade Building.

**Preschool check in will open for receiving children 15 minutes prior to regular Sunday mornings.**

**Parents will check in and drop off their children at the glass doors in the courtyard.**

**Parents will not be allowed inside the preschool area at this time.**

Children will be checked in by a volunteer and parents will receive their child's sticker as well as their parent pick up sticker. We ask that you maintain social distancing while you wait for your child to be checked in.

**Temperature checks** with touch-less thermometers will be done on all children coming in and all adults who drop off children at the preschool ministry.

**A Preschool Covid-19 Waiver must be signed at check in.**

Please label all items.

**No personal items such as toys will be allowed into the preschool suite.**

**Needed items such as diaper bags will be allowed. They will be left outside the classroom in labeled baskets with only needed items allowed into the classroom.**

All children will be required to wash their hands upon entry to the nursery before they enter the classroom. We will have them wash their hands regularly throughout the session.

## Pick-up

- Parents may pick up their children at the glass doors at the inside corner of the courtyard.
- **Parents will present their pick-up sticker to the volunteer at the door and their child will be brought out to them by a Preschool Volunteer.**
- We ask that you maintain social distancing while you wait for your child to be brought out to you.
- All children will be required to wash their hands before they are released to their parents.

## Snacks

- Currently due to Covid-19 we will take extra precautions when offering snacks. No outside snacks, omitting bottles, will be allowed in the classrooms. Please be sure to feed your child breakfast before they are dropped off.

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## Health

For protection of all children and adults at church, parents are requested not to bring a child who appears to be ill.

**Symptoms of being ill include but are not limited to:**

- **Fever, (a temperature of 100.4 degree or more) currently or within the previous 24 hours**
- **Diarrhea or vomiting**
- **Lung infections, Sinus infections, cold with frequent coughing, sneezing, and/ or nasal drainage, RSV, Strep Throat or hand foot and mouth**
- **Croup, a wet or deep sounding cough**
- **Any skin infection**
- **Pink eye or other eye infection**

**Children and volunteers must be free of temperature, diarrhea, and vomiting for 48 hours before returning the preschool area.**

A parent will be notified if a child develops illness during preschool activities.

No oral medication will be given to a preschool child except by a parent or guardian

Any symptom of a childhood disease such as scarlet fever, German measles, mumps, whooping cough, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Meningitis, cases of influenza as well as contagious illnesses should be made known to the preschool director.

## Face coverings

All teachers and welcome team members of the nursery will wear face coverings for the entire duration of their time in the nursery. Children are not required to wear masks.

## Hygiene

Maintaining a germ-free environment is a top priority. Because hands are the main carriers of germs, we enforce a strict hand washing policy for all caregivers.

**Teachers or Caregivers will wash hands:**

- **Upon arrival into the preschool classroom & before beginning a teaching assignment**
- **After using or helping a child use the restroom**
- **Before & after handling food**
- **Before & after every diaper change**
- **After contact with body fluids (such as spit up, nasal discharge, tears, saliva, urine, stool, blood etc.)**
- **As they leave the classroom**

**Infants and Children will wash hands**

- **Before entering classroom**
- **Before & after eating food**
- **After using the restroom**
- **After contact with body fluids**
- **As they leave the classroom**

According to the Center for Disease Control, the proper method to wash hands is: wet hands, rub soap into lather and rub hands together for 20 seconds & rinse. \*The faucet should be turned off with a paper towel after drying your hands.

## Classroom shoe policy

We will require any volunteers who enters our classrooms to be wearing either sanitary booties over their shoes or to take their shoes off and wear our sanitary (and comfy) socks.

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## Room Cleaning

We use an approved CDC & EPA registered disinfectant with the active ingredient of Hydrogen Peroxide. If you wish to know more information on the specific cleaner that information will be provided to you.

Everything in the classroom has been cleaned and sanitized prior to children arriving.

We will only use toys, activities and craft supplies that can be sufficiently cleaned after use.

All mats and vinyl-covered climbing equipment for babies/toddlers are wiped down with disinfectant spray.

Diaper changing surfaces must be sanitized after each use with disinfectant and dried with paper towels and again at the end of session.

Tables must be wiped before and after using with the disinfectant spray and again at the end of session.

All toys, learning activities, craft supplies, and play areas used during session will be cleaned and sanitized with disinfectant spray. Any items that requires immediate cleaning will be taken out of the classroom and sanitized.

A deep cleaning is done in between preschool suite use in all the used rooms throughout the week.

### Note:

- When a child finishes playing with a toy, if it has been in the child's mouth it will be retrieved from the play area and put out of children's reach, cleaned immediately or placed outside the classroom to be cleaned at the end of session.