

Pre-K plan for COVID-19 Pandemic

We are hopeful that Coronavirus will not affect First Presbyterian Preschool; however, we know from health officials that cases are rising and that this fall term may be especially difficult. Our plan will be updated as needed with guidance from the State Board of Health, CDC, and/or local physicians. With that in mind, the PreK Board has approved the following policies and procedures:

Safety Protocols

Drop Off: Parents will drop their child to the respective Drop Off door and their classroom teacher or helper will help them inside. Parents may not enter the building at this time.

Pick Up: Parents will pick up at the same door as drop off. Again, the aide or teacher will bring them to your vehicle as you drive up.

Temperatures: All PreK staff and children's temperatures will be taken upon entering the building. Children may also have their temperature taken at midday so that any changes can be caught quickly. If your child shows signs of a temperature of 100.4F or higher (CDC Recommendation) or is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them at home until they are 72 hours fever/symptom-free without the use of any medication. If a child becomes ill while attending school, they will be brought to the office, and parents will be notified immediately to arrange for pick up.

Hand washing: Staff and children will wash their hands upon entering the building. Hands will be washed before and after meals and snacks, visits to the bathroom or diaper changes, and returning to the classroom from outside or indoor play.

Masks: Teachers and aides are required to wear masks when with the children except when they are outside and can socially distance. A shield may be used by teachers when in circle times for lesson presentation when they can remain socially distant from the children. Masks worn by children are optional but will be encouraged by the teachers and helpers if the family chooses to send a mask with their child.

Cleaning: Materials, toys and classrooms are sanitized various times throughout the day, including before and after each class session.

As much as possible, children will remain with the same teacher/aide and children. This includes time on the playground.

School Closure Policy

Should there be a positive case of COVID-19 at the school, the class that includes the student or staff who test positive will be closed for 5 days for deep cleaning, and all those associated with the room will be contacted, and asked to watch for symptoms and seek appropriate medical care. The entire school will be kept up to date on the status of rooms and cases. We hope that the entire school would not have to close but, depending on how widespread the contact is between a positive case and the rest of the school, full closure for 5 days may be necessary.

Testing Policy

PreK staff who show symptoms are required to get a test for the virus and cannot return to work until they can show a negative result or are 10 days symptom free after a positive result. Please refer to State Board of Health guidance (attached).

Families members, household members or children who show symptoms or are exposed to COVID-19 should stay home and follow the guidance of the attached Board of Health policy.

Sick Leave Policy

If a child has to be absent, the absences will be treated the same as any other health-related absences with no change in tuition. The student's place will continue to be held for him/her unless the family requests to withdraw.