

God's Love Christian Preschool

Health and Safety Plan

Strategies to mitigate the further spread of COVID-19

This Health and Safety Plan was developed with guidelines from the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning based on the information available as of August 26, 2020.

Drop-off/Arrival Procedures

- Same parent or designated person should drop off and pick up the child every day. If possible, individuals with serious underlying medical conditions should not pick up children because they are more at risk.

Children will be greeted outside as they arrive for a Health Screening at entrance:

- 3's will be met at the main entrance; 4's will be met at the playground gate
- Temperature reading (without fever-reducing medicine)
- Health questions related to: symptoms, diagnosis, exposure to COVID-19 and recent use of fever reducing medicine
- Staff member must wear gloves and face covering

Staff and children will **NOT** be allowed to enter the facility if:

- They were administered fever reducing medicine within 6 hours of screening
- They have a temperature of 100.4 or higher
- They tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting results of COVID-19 test or are showing COVID-19 symptoms
- They have recently had potential exposure to a person with COVID-19 (2 week quarantine required)
 - A potential exposure means being in a household or having close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual that is confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes during the infected persons' infectious period. Persons with COVID-19 are considered infectious from 2 days before onset of symptoms until the end of isolation.

Hand hygiene stations are at the entrances of the facility. Children, staff and parents who enter the building are asked to clean their hands when they enter the building.

Staff and children will be monitored for symptoms throughout the day.

A child or staff member who develops a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible. Parents are expected to come pick up their child within 30 minutes.

- While waiting to be picked up, a child will be accompanied by a staff member. Both the child and staff member will be required to wear a mask. The staff member will remain 6 feet apart from the child.

Dismissal

The 4's class will dismiss through the playground entrance of the building. The 3's class will dismiss through the main preschool entrance.

Routine Disinfecting/Sanitization Procedures:

Signs will be displayed in highly visible locations like doors, lobbies and restrooms that promote everyday protective measure and describe how to mitigate the further spread of COVID-19, such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a cloth face covering.

Surfaces and objects that are frequently touched will be cleaned and sanitized daily; especially toys, doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, table tops, chairs and playground structures.

All cleaning materials will be kept secure and out of reach of children per regulations.

Toys that were used during class will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each class period.

Social Distancing

Classrooms will be organized as follows: When sitting at tables, children will be spread apart, activities will be planned to allocate appropriate spacing among students.

Classes will remain in their assigned classroom with the same teacher and assistant teacher throughout the week.

Music, Gym, and Lunch Bunch will be suspended until further notice.

Classes will have assigned individualized playground time.

Classes will have separate bathroom times.

Students will be expected to wash hands or use hand sanitizer at arrival, after using the bathroom, before eating snack and lunch, and when they return to the classroom from the playground.

Visitors will be met at the entrance to conduct business. IU support will be monitored in the same manner as GLCP Staff.

Face Masks:

Staff and children 2 years old and older are required to wear a face covering as described in the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings. OCDEL recommends a face covering that can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen, and can include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth.

Cloth face coverings should **not** be placed on:

- Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious.
- Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance

Monitoring of Children and Staff:

Students, staff and others will sign a form stating that they will abide by the rules, and not come to school if they are experiencing a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Everyone will have their temperature taken as they enter the building.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she will be escorted outside in nice weather or quarantined to the Education Office until a parent is able to pick them up. If a staff member becomes ill during the school day he or she will be asked to leave the building. If the staff member is too ill to drive home, the staff member will be escorted outside in nice weather or quarantined in the Christian Education Office until someone is able to pick up the staff member.

DEALING WITH CONFIRMED POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES AND EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:

*The following provisions may change based on the evolving guidance of the CDC, PA DHS, and state health officials.

Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases

- God's Love Preschool will close for a period of 48 hours following a confirmed positive COVID-19 case of child or staff member in attendance so that the school can be cleaned and disinfected properly.
- The director will inform staff and parents of enrolled children
- The director will report positive COVID-19 cases to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Exposure to a person who tests positive for COVID-19:

Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of the individual who tests positive for a period of 15 minutes or more. If a staff person, household member, or a child has been exposed to an individual who tests positive

- They should self-quarantine for a period of 14 days.
- The director shall inform the child's parents as soon as possible.
- The director shall inform parents of enrolled children.
- The director must report when a staff person, child, or household member is exposed to a positive COVID-19 case to the DHS and DOH

Discontinuing at home isolation

For individuals with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home:

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, with recovery defined as: resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

For persons who tested positive but have not had COVID-19 Symptoms in Home Isolation:

Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test

REPORTING:

Parents of enrolled children will be informed if there is a suspected outbreak of a communicable disease or an outbreak of an unusual illness that represents a public health emergency in the opinion of the Department of Health as per 55 Pa. Code §3270.136(b), §3280.136(b), and §3290.136(b). *An outbreak is defined as a single positive COVID-19 case.

For questions regarding COVID-19, isolation and quarantine, please contact DOH at 1-877-PA-HEALTH.

To report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, please contact DOH at 1-877-PA-HEALTH or 1-877- 724-3258.

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If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. If you travel to the following states, it is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days upon return:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas