

CHILDREN OF HOPE CDC COVID-19 POLICIES & PROTOCOLS

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As preschools and daycare centers around the world re-open in the wake of the Covid pandemic, we at Children of Hope CDC are ever mindful of the mission and goals of our program as we re-imagine what learning environments look like during this pandemic. Our staff is committed to continuing to provide the high-quality early learning environment that best supports our students while making the necessary adjustments to insure the health and safety of all during this pandemic. Our staff has shown perseverance, adaptability and a sense of common, creative problem solving so that our students can continue to thrive and families can feel secure. We look forward to another year filled with Hope.

HOPE



RE-OPENING

- **Age groups:**
 - Regular ratios apply with actual number of children in classroom falling **BELOW** those allowed by state licensing
- **Families and staff will log daily wellness checks**
- **Staff/student temps taken upon arrival**
- **Designated and staggered drop off and pick up when necessary**
- **Face coverings protocols**
- **Handwashing & respiratory protocols continue**
- **Staggered playground times**
- **Physical distancing**
- **Enhanced cleaning/disinfecting toys, materials, playground areas**
- **Family Style dining may be modified when necessary**
- **Covid exposure protocols**

INDIVIDUAL GROUPINGS

- Advertised Groups of 12 or 16 will be adhered to in all classrooms –
 - 1:4 Ratio in Toddlers (maximum 12 students, 3 teachers)
 - 1:7 Ratio in 3's and Pre-K (max 16 students, 2 teachers)
- Each class may have a designated playground and Chapel time
- Lunch Bunch will resume as normal with low ratios and Covid protocols for health and safety in place (initially Lunch Bunch will not be offered on Fridays)
- Water play will be in individual bins
- Each class will continue to have a bag for the playground/outside to include any medications needed, sanitizers, wipes, etc.
- Outdoor items will be cleaned daily with disinfectant and soap and water
- These practices will stay the same until the CDC/childcare guidelines are changed to allow for groups to be mixed

DAILY

- Upon arrival staff will do a wellness check that includes handwashing and temperatures taken
- Upon arrival parents will present a wellness check for their student(s) done on Brightwheel that includes symptom review. Temperatures will be taken by staff using non-contact thermometers upon arrival.
- Teachers and/or parents will help students hand wash once inside the classroom.
- Parents will not be permitted inside the classrooms if guidance from the CDC states
- AM & PM cleaning/disinfecting
- Hand washing: Best practices will continue
 - Upon arrival
 - Before and after eating
 - After toileting
 - After transitioning
 - Whenever otherwise necessary

HEALTH AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE

Daily and weekly cleaning schedule will include:

Materials such as toys, tools and outdoor materials (items that are easily cleaned)

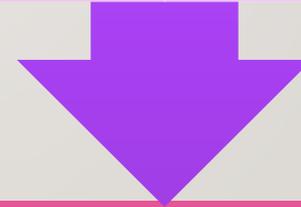
Table surfaces

Doorknobs

Sinks & Countertops (cleaning company daily)

Flooring (cleaning company daily)

Bathrooms (cleaning company daily)



Minimal items will be brought into the building by staff and students – we ask that children do **NOT** bring toys from home in their backpacks

WHEN TO STAY HOME

- If your child is showing any of the following symptoms, they should NOT come to school
 - Fever of 100.4 or above
 - Chills
 - Headache, body or muscle aches
 - Cough, persistent upper respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, runny nose
 - Skin rash
 - Sore throat
 - Gastrointestinal issues including vomiting and diarrhea
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Other documented symptoms
- Children MUST be 48 hours fever/vomit free without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school

IF YOU ANSWER **YES** TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS YOUR CHILD SHOULD **NOT** COME TO SCHOOL

(PERTAINS TO YOUR CHILD OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD):

- Is showing or has shown, in the last 14 days, symptoms of Covid-19
- Has tested positive for Covid-19
- Has knowingly encountered someone with Covid-19
- Has traveled to any area known as a “hot spot” for Covid-19

COVID Symptom and Illness Scenarios: The descriptions below define school policies in various scenarios involving COVID.

A student who tests positive for COVID-19, and any siblings attending CofH, must quarantine at home for 10 days since symptoms first appeared and until symptoms have resolved for 72 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). Parents must submit a doctor's clearance for the student to be able return to school.

A student who tests negative for COVID-19 must remain home until symptoms have resolved for 48 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). Parents must present proof of negative test result to be able to return to school.

A student who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms but has not been tested must quarantine at home for 10 days since symptoms first appeared, and until symptoms have resolved for 72 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication), unless you have a doctor's clearance to return to campus. Parents must submit a doctor's clearance for the student to be able return to school.

If a member of the student's household (or caregiver) has received, or is awaiting COVID-19 test results, student(s) must stay home under isolation until test results are confirmed. If results are negative, the student may return to campus. If test results are positive, student(s) must remain at home for the later of 10 days since symptoms first appeared or until symptoms have resolved for 72 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). Parents must submit a doctor's clearance for the student to be able return to school.

If a member of the student's household (or caregiver) is experiencing COVID-like symptoms and has not been tested, student(s) must remain at home for 10 days since symptoms first appeared and until symptoms have resolved for 48 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).



WHEN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Your child has been tested for Covid-19: the test is negative, and your child has shown no symptoms of Covid-19 for 48 hours (proof of negative test required)
Applies only if you responded NO to questions relating to exposure.

Your child has not been tested: your child is symptom free for 48 hours and the appropriate isolation period of 10 days since onset of symptoms has passed.

Communication with leadership prior to returning is required to avoid confusion.

Due to changing recommendations, these precautions may change at any time. The school reserves the right to refuse attendance to any child due to concern regarding health and the potential spread of Covid-19. Children of Hope CDC and Esperanza Lutheran Church cannot be held liable for any exposure to the virus.

DISRUPTION OF SERVICES

- Due to a positive Covid-19 result in our community of staff and students:
 - We may close for 2-5 days to appropriately clean and disinfect building
 - Will notify parents of appropriate classroom of potential exposure as well as COH community

If due to the change of spread in the community, requirements from the AZDHS and the Governor mandates a stay at home order:

- Children of Hope CDC leadership will determine if the school can stay open with appropriate staffing and safety while working with state licensing.
- If closure is more than 2 weeks, staff will provide materials, zoom classes and activities for each group

DISRUPTION OF SERVICES (CONT.)

Tuition Policy for disruption of services:

- If Children of Hope CDC experiences a disruption of services during the school year, we will evaluate potential tuition refunds based on the length of time and services that are provided during disruption
- Tuition refunds will not be granted for disruption of less than 1 month



MASKS

PER AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Should children wear cloth face coverings?

Children under the age of 2 years should **not** wear cloth face coverings.

When do children need to wear cloth face coverings?

There are places where children should wear cloth face coverings. This includes places where they may not be able to avoid staying 6 feet away from others. For example, if you have to take them to the doctor, pharmacy, or grocery store.

However, there are other places where children do NOT need to wear a cloth face covering:

- At home, assuming they have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19.
- Outside, as long as they can stay at least 6 feet away from others and can avoid touching surfaces. For example, it's fine to take a walk as long as your children stay 6 feet away from others and do not touch tables, water fountains, playground equipment or other things that infected people might have touched.

Caution: you may need to reconsider the use of cloth face coverings if:

- The face coverings are a possible choking or strangulation hazards to your child.
- Wearing the cloth face covering causes your child to touch their face more frequently than not wearing it.

MASKS (CONT.)

All teachers and other staff may wear reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth, especially if caring for potentially vulnerable children with underlying health conditions or disabilities.



Children are not mandated to wear masks, but we will educate and practice the proper use of masks with them



Teachers may not wear masks out on the playground



All adults dropping children off at child care are recommended to wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when within the school campus or public spaces where other individuals are present

WE WILL PRACTICE AND ASSESS CONTINUALLY

AS LONG AS CDC GUIDELINES CALL FOR IT

For a student to wear a mask they need to demonstrate the appropriate safe handling of a mask including:

Able to put on and take off in accordance with CDC recommendations

Parent provides a mask that is the appropriate size for the child

Alternative mask is in child's backpack

Student refusal to wear mask: staff will make the best decision at that time for the student

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We will adhere to the smaller group sizes in our classrooms and keep the same groups together with the same teachers throughout the day. With wellness checks also in place upon entering the campus – we believe this allows us to let our students play without having to worry about being too close to another student or teacher.

We ask that parents follow all guidelines when going through the wellness process at the beginning of each day and again at pick up time

QUESTIONS/HOW CAN WE HELP/SHARING



- Please feel free to ask any questions that might come up
- Is there anything we can do to help you, or your children, adjust to this new “normal”?
- We will encourage students to share how they have been during this time – to allow them to process their experience
- We will work together – parents, teachers, other staff – to allow our young students to enjoy their time at preschool and to support them in any way we can and/or in meeting their needs

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