

# Promiseland Preschool Protocols for COVID-19

It is our goal to provide a safe environment for families at Christ Fellowship. While present in the facility each day your child will be in contact with children, families, and other employees who are also at risk of community exposure. No list of restrictions, guidelines or practices will remove 100% of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as the virus can be transmitted by persons who are asymptomatic and before some people show signs of infection. Families play a crucial role in keeping everyone in the facility safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following COVID-19 health and safety practices as suggested by the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

## Daily Screenings and Arrival for Staff, Parents, and Children

All children and preschool staff that enter the building will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms daily. Individuals who present with symptoms will be separated and sent home.

Symptoms include:

- Fever-Temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Cough or sore throat (not allergy related)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills, muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

## Screening and Drop off

- Parents will drop off children using the designated preschool carline only beginning at 8:45 am each day.
- Parents will check-in children by completing screening questions using a Procure app on their cell phone. If the person dropping off does not have a cell phone or access to the app, screening questions will be asked, and the child will be signed in on paper at the car line.
- A preschool staff member will take temperatures of each child in the carline prior to allowing entry into the church building.
- Children will have their hands sanitized upon entry into the preschool area.
- Preschool staff will escort children to their classrooms.
- Children will wear their backpacks. Nap mats and other items will be carried in by staff.
- For safety, parents need to stay outside of the church building until licensing regulations update this policy.
- Should a parent have a legitimate need to enter the preschool, the parent will need to follow screening protocol including temperature taking, screening questions, and the wearing of a mask.
- Christ Fellowship staff and volunteers are required to follow a building access protocol before coming into the building.

## **Pick up Procedures**

- Children will remain in their classrooms and a preschool staff member will bring the child to the parent/caregiver at the car line beginning at 2:00 pm each day. Parents cannot pick up a child in the building or at the classroom door. Name cards will be given to each family to use in the afternoon the carline.
- Parents should notify preschool staff of an early pick up and the child will be brought to a designated pick up location.

## **Protocol for Face Coverings**

- Adults are required to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained or may be required in accordance with state or local mandates.
- Children are not required to wear a face covering.

## **Social distancing strategies**

- There will be designated entrance and exit routes to allow for hallway social distancing.
- Promiseland Preschool ratios are well below state ratios which allows for more distancing.
- Classes will remain together each day and will not mix with other classes during the day including music, playground, chapel, or special events.
- Children's nap mats will be placed "head to toe" to encourage distancing while sleeping.
- Teachers will wear masks when feasible and when the state mandates this.
- The "Stay and play" after school care will not be offered until it is considered safe to mix classes.

## **Hand Sanitizing and Disinfecting**

Healthy hand hygiene will be practiced frequently throughout the day.

- All classrooms and restrooms are equipped with sinks.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry, common areas, and in classrooms.
- Hands will be washed at drop off, before eating, after outdoor play, and following restroom use.
- Dirty surfaces are cleaned with soap and water before disinfection.
- Staff will follow cleaning protocol, including premeasured EPA registered bleach sanitizer/disinfectant on all surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Toys will be rotated and cleaned each time they are used and before they are used by another class.
- Each child will have their own school box of supplies to reduce communal supplies such as crayons, glue sticks, and playdoh.
- An enhanced cleaning schedule for restroom usage will be practiced.
- Staff will continue to use gloves when handling food, changing diapers, and during cleaning with changes after each use.
- Christ Fellowship contracts with a cleaning company that schedules the cleaning of common areas, classrooms and all restrooms nightly.
- Peanut free lunches and snacks are to be brought from home in individual lunchboxes. Lunch deliveries from outside vendors is prohibited.
- Sharing of food is not permitted. Birthday treats can be brought in if they are store bought.
- Promiseland's HVAC systems allow for plenty of fresh air to circulate regularly through the day and are regularly maintained.

- Children's nap mats/bedding will be kept in their separate cubby.
- Children must have their own change of clothing (including shoes) available if needed each day.

## **Protocol for Staff or Students Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms**

If a child or staff member begins to experience fever or any COVID-19 symptoms,

- The staff or child will be separated into an empty classroom and supervised.
- Parent or emergency contact will be called, and child/staff member will need to go home within one hour or as specified by state guidelines.
- Out of an abundance of caution parents will be notified if a child or staff member goes home with COVID-19 like symptoms. We fully recognize that these symptoms may be non-COVID related.
- Proper cleaning and bleach disinfection of all areas and surfaces used by the person who is sick including bathrooms, classrooms, and common areas will be performed according to CDC guidelines.

### **If diagnosed with COVID-19, staff or student cannot return to Christ Fellowship/Promiseland Preschool until:**

- at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (without the use of fever reducing medications)
- improved respiratory symptoms; (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
- and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Once we are aware a child or staff member tests positive, we are required to report it to the Local health authority and childcare licensing within 48 hours. The local health authority will advise us of operational procedures.

All parents will be notified in writing within 48 hours of becoming aware of that a child or staff member has contracted an illness deemed notifiable by TDSHS.

If staff or student have symptoms of COVID-19 and choose not to be evaluated by a medical professional, it will be assumed that they have COVID-19 and cannot return to the Christ Fellowship property until the steps above for those that are diagnosed with COVID-19 have been completed.

If staff or student have symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to Christ Fellowship property before completing the self-isolation period, a medical professional's note must be provided clearing them to return based on an alternative diagnosis and turn it in to the Promiseland Preschool Director.

If staff or student have been in close contact (any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and do not have any symptoms of illness, they may return to Christ Fellowship property after 14-days if no symptoms are present or the confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test.

### **Tuition, Delays and Closings:**

There will not be make-up days for any emergency closings. If a closing is required for an extended length of time (2 weeks or longer), a maximum of 2 weeks tuition will be credited towards the next month that the preschool is able to open. Tuition will not be charged for months that the preschool is not in operation. The preschool will not offer an online learning option.

During health emergencies Christ Fellowship/Promiseland Preschool will operate in accordance with applicable state policies including Health and Human Services Commission ( HHSC) emergency rules and CDC recommended protocol. Promiseland preschool will follow the McKinney ISD closing and reopening dates or what is appropriate for the preschool at that time.

If McKinney ISD delays in person learning for students and offers only virtual online student learning then Promiseland Preschool will close until McKinney ISD sets opening dates for in person learning or what is appropriate for the preschool at that time. The preschool does not offer online learning.

*Please note, public health guidelines cannot anticipate every unique situation. Promiseland Preschool will stay informed and take additional actions based on common sense and wise judgement that will protect the health and welfare of our staff and students. Updated information will be provided when necessary.*

***These plans are subject to change dependent on CDC and Childcare licensing recommendations.***