

Ward Parkway Preschool

7406 Ward Parkway
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Health Plan/Protocols

Overview

- The purpose of this plan is to ensure the safety of all students, staff and families. With the continued presence of highly contagious communicable illnesses in our community, Ward Parkway Preschool (WPP) must remain vigilant in mitigating outbreaks with the objective of protecting the health of everyone concerned.
- During the summer, a complete cleaning and disinfecting of the preschool building has taken place. These procedures will continue as needed, as well as on a nightly basis once school begins.
- The directors are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this plan and will set a good example by following the plan at all times; this involves practicing good hygiene, school wide safety, and prevention practices. The directors will ask for and monitor the same behavior from all staff.
- This plan is based on the information provided by the CDC, OSHA, and the State of Missouri Health Dept. and may be changed and amended based on further information.
- Staff has been trained in following these guidelines.
- Staff will explain and model safety, handwashing, and hygiene procedures to students in an age-appropriate manner.

Layers of Protection

We will work to keep your children and our staff as healthy as possible while attending school. We can work together by implementing the following strategies:

- Air Purifiers are in every classroom. These medical grade HEPA filters reduce the viral load to lower the risk of infection or severity of disease. These machines also effectively remove 95% of airborne viruses that are 0.1 microns and larger.
- **Please keep children home from school if they are not feeling their best.** In addition, please keep your children home from school if they have any cold or flu symptoms, or if they have any GI symptoms within the past 24 hours. As a reminder children must be fever free (without the use of medication) for 24 hours before they can return to school.
- All surfaces are cleaned and sanitized regularly by directors, teaching staff and custodial staff. Areas to be disinfected include: tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handrails, sinks, faucets, and toys.
- Staff will model and teach respiratory etiquette (cough/sneeze into elbow), hand hygiene, and encourage children not to touch their face or put toys into their mouths.
- Families will be notified if there was a possible exposure to a communicable illness so parents can watch for signs and symptoms (i.e. Covid, strep, hand-foot-mouth, etc).

Family Responsibilities

- Monitor your child's health. Children may not attend school if they are ill. (Please see our Parent Handbook online for a complete list of symptoms that will exclude your child from attending school.)
- Please communicate with the office if your child is ill, and what illness your child has, so we can let other families know of any exposures within their classroom.
- Any child with a fever of >100.4 will be sent home and asked to remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- If a child becomes ill while at school, he/she will be appropriately isolated until they can be picked up. Timely pick up of ill children is required.

Staff Responsibilities

- No staff member may report to work if showing symptoms of illness.
- The same staff members will remain with the same group of children throughout the day except for absentee coverage.
- Staff must wash hands frequently using soap and water.

We will continue to re-evaluate these protocols regularly and adjust as necessary.