

All God's Children Preschool
CDC Covid19 Guidelines for 2021
Early Childhood Education Program

Safety and Health Strategies We Will Be Following

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/groups/expect-school-child-care.html>

Vaccination & Masks

All Staff at All God's Children are Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19.

During Student pick up and drop off staff will be wearing masks. During the school day staff will not wear masks because they are fully vaccinated.

This will change if CDC changes requirement prevention strategies for ECE Teachers. Last year we did wear masks all day but we were not vaccinated. If it is needed again we will.

When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask they protect others as well as themselves when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

This will help to keep our School Covid free and Our Children Safe and Healthy!

Drop Off and Pick Up

This year we will stagger child drop-off and pick-up times. We will give you the details at Meet the Teacher. At Drop off there will not be a daily temperature check unless this becomes a required modification by CDC. If so, we will follow the same procedures as last school year.

Early Childhood Teachers and Their Students – Keeping Groups Apart

It is our goal to provide an effective developmental and educational environment that ensures the safety of our children and teachers.

To reduce the risk of exposure, our child care setting will maintain consistent groups of children with the same Early Childhood Staff Members every school day, and will take steps to avoid intermixing groups of children and workers throughout school day . Each group will only be with their classmates and Teacher & Teacher Assistant each day. We will not be mixing groups until CDC recommends these Changes.

Staying Home When Sick

Children who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or [COVID-19](#), should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of programs and prevent spread to others.

Signs of Illness to Look For:

- Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for a child with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, see if there is a change from their usual cough)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or stomachache
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Children who have a fever of 100.4 °F (38.0 °C) or above or other signs of illness will not be admitted to the facility.

The length of time the child should stay out of child care depends on whether the child has COVID-19 or another illness. In most instances, those who have COVID-19 [can be around others](#) after

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Close Contacts of Persons with COVID-19

Whether and for how long to stay home for people who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 depends on vaccination status.

- Children who had close contact with someone who has (suspected or confirmed) COVID-19 should stay home ([quarantine](#)) for 14 days after their last exposure to that person. [Close contact](#) is defined as within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Some localities might choose to use testing to [shorten quarantine](#)

Remaining at Home When Sick

It is imperative that both children and adults remain at home when sick.

- Parents must notify All God's Children MDO Preschool when their child will not be in school.
- All God's Children MDO Preschool will track illnesses in order to notify families . If a child becomes sick while in care, they will be cared for in a separate area while waiting for the parent to arrive.
- Parents should promptly pick up their child after they have been notified.
- Children cannot return to school until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation

explained in the screening section.

Employees will be vigilant for Covid-19 symptoms and will notify the director

immediately if and when they start to feel sick. If an employee becomes sick while at work, a substitute will cover for the remainder of the day and the employee will be sent home. (We need Moms that are interested in preparing/training to be added to our Substitute List. You will always be with an Assistant or Teacher. You will also make some spending money. If your children are in School please, please consider this! 😊😊 We really need subs! Thanks

- ☐ Parents will be notified when an employee leaves due to illness.
- ☐ Employees will not return to work until they have met the criteria to discontinue

- home isolation

Visitors

As recommended by CDC our program will again limit nonessential visitors and volunteer attended activities in the building for this coming school year. Due to Increasing COVID-19 transmission and Increasing transmission of a variant that is spread more easily than the original Covid.

School Information

- ☐ If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member we will follow the procedures as set forth by CDC. The class group affected will be under a 14 day quarantine.
- ☐ All God's Children MDO Preschool will continue to follow Smithville Texas Independent School District for inclement weather closures . We will follow closures related to Covid-19 that are in the best interest for the health and safety of the children and staff.
- ☐ Temporary Closures, Permanent Closure & Temporary Quarantine
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In the event we have temporary closures/temporary quarantine up to 2 weeks & more and then return to school , tuition will not change and it will remain the same. We will provide learning packets for the temporary absence of 2 weeks & more. You will be able to pick up the packets at the school. Regular tuition payments will be due.

CDC Guidance

- Based on CDC guidance, All God's Children MDO Preschool has created plans around the following prevention measures:
- Implement social distancing strategies to the best of our ability with preschool children that are age appropriate for 2, 3, 4 & 5 year old children by maintaining consistent groups of children with the same Early Childhood Staff Members every school day, and will take steps to avoid intermixing groups of children and workers throughout school day . They will have schedules that will include a Full Preschool Day. Circle Time, Outside Time, Learning Centers, Art, Story Time, Music Time and more in the same learning areas all day.
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts
- Modify drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Everyone is encouraged to take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illness.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- MDO Preschool cleans and sanitizes surfaces periodically throughout the day.
- Restrooms will be sanitized ,
Cleaned and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover cough and sneezes.

Thank you so much for working with our school at All God's Children Preschool to keep the children healthy and safe!

After you have read this please sign below and turn in this last sheet at Meet the Teacher!
Thank you, Vonda Bearden

Name _____
Date _____