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All Saints Preschool Health and Safety Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

All Saints Preschool has created this document in response to COVID, a respiratory illness caused by a novel virus that has spread globally. The Guidelines have been constructed to address prevention, detection, and response to occurrences of COVID.

We continually monitor COVID policies, however, the situation is dynamic and can change from week to week. We follow CDC recommendations and specific guidance from [Montgomery County Office of Child Care](#), [Maryland Department of Health](#), [Montgomery County Department of Health](#), [Maryland State Department of Education](#), and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#).

COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF AND FAMILIES

We will continue to educate ourselves on the latest COVID related findings. Information will be shared with the entire community as it becomes available.

FOOD SERVICE

As always, parents/caregivers will send their child to school with a packed lunch. You can send your child to school with a lunch or bento box (we will not require lunches to be in disposable bags). Please only include non-perishable items as we will not be able to refrigerate and/or reheat food.

We do ask that you send your child to school with a reusable water bottle filled with water and clearly marked with your child's name.

All surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected before use. All staff and children will wash hands before and after meals. Teachers will wear disposable gloves to assist children with unpacking their lunch.

INCREASED CLEANING PROTOCOLS

Teachers/staff will disinfect high touch services throughout the day. ASP's cleaners will do a thorough cleaning of the school at the end of each day. We will continue with our increased handwashing and sanitizing protocols. Disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, disposable masks and gloves will be available in public areas.

EXCLUSION, QUARANTINE AND CLOSURE

Children and staff will be excluded from school if they register a 100.4-degree fever (or higher) Children and staff are required to stay home, monitor for symptoms, and, in some instances, show a negative test result to COVID or provide a health provider's clearance to return to school.



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Before Coming to School

It is critical that, if you or your child have symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, your child should stay home to avoid spreading illness to others. **Seek medical attention and report results to Preschool Director immediately to discuss.** The same protocols hold true for teachers and staff.

Child or Staff Exhibit Symptoms While at School

If a child exhibits concerning symptoms or runs a fever while at school, we will isolate the child and contact their parents to request the child be picked up as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers should contact their health provider immediately to monitor for symptoms and possibly have the child tested for COVID.

If a teacher exhibits symptoms or runs a fever while at school, the teacher will immediately be sent home.

COVID-19 Diagnosis

Anyone testing positive for COVID can return when they are fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. However, those with Moderate or Severe symptoms should follow CDC guidance regarding the appropriate return date and protocols.

VACCINATION

ASP does not require COVID vaccinations for students, but the School strongly encourages all students to stay **Up to Date** with vaccinations. Please email all vaccination records to Linanne Breslin at linanne.breslin@allsaintschurch.net.

Flu Vaccines

ASP strongly encourages all students and families to receive the flu vaccine each fall or winter.

HOME/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our home/school partnership has never been more important in keeping our community healthy and safe. We must work together and trust each other to mitigate health risks through our own personal choices and vigilance in adhering to health standards.

If you have any questions about the information in this document, please contact Sara Tobin or Mary Kletter.

PLEASE NOTE: GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE HEALTH CONDITIONS IN OUR AREA AND UPDATED GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC, MD DEPT OF HEALTH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH, AND THE MD STATE DEPT OF EDUCATION.



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