

Preschool Reopening Plan

Start of School Year

- Virtual Meet the Teacher on Aug 11th from 630-730 PM- We will host a Google Meeting
- School will start Monday, August 31st for students with last names A-K (we will go with the last name of the youngest child in the family) and Tuesday, September 1st for students with last names L-Z (we will go with the last name of the youngest child in the family). All students will be in session beginning Wednesday, September 2nd.

- School will end for students on May 27, 2021.

The information we are sharing and policy changes we are imposing come directly from the information sheet. We will follow the “Recommended Best Practices” whenever possible.

https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Sector-fact-sheet-8-Child-Care.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0zImfA2wCbptI2wEzxXxYyVYos7DdvZgqINAAaLiT_gf_mZl-wJgGaD1m

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: GENERAL

It is RECOMMENDED that child care workers should wear a face covering, unless it is unsafe for them to do so.

St. Helen School is requiring that masks be worn by preschool students when arriving and leaving school, in the hallways for bathroom breaks and anytime they are in communal areas of the campus. Families are asked to provide the face covering (shield, mask, etc)

Face coverings will be worn by staff members.

We reserve the right to require students and staff wear face coverings in classrooms if it becomes necessary in order to keep our schools open and safe, or if required by law.

Meetings & Conferences

- Follow six foot physical distancing protocols to the extent possible.
- It is required that parents/guardians wear a face covering when in a face-to-face meeting.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to schedule meetings virtually or by phone, rather than in person. In person meetings MUST be scheduled in advance.

Office

- The office will have a Plexiglas barrier at the front counter.
- Wearing a face covering is required for all visitors to the office.
- Seating areas will be properly distanced.
- All office spaces will be disinfected on a regular basis.
- Visitors will not be permitted in the building.

Classroom

- Students may bring a bag containing a change of clothes, blanket for naptime and lunch if packing. **NO OUTSIDE TOYS OR ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.**

- Bookbags will be stored in the same area as the group of 9 children and separated from other childrens' bags.
- Students will begin and end their day in the same area
- Students will be assigned a cot to use at naptime and will only use this cot.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: DROP OFF/PICK UP

Providers should modify pick-up and drop-off to ensure social distancing.

- All students & staff will be screened for temperature and COVID-19 symptoms when arriving at school.
 - If students or staff have any COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay at home.
 - The office and classroom teachers will have thermometers available for students & staff that need checked throughout the day.

Student drop-off & pick up

- We ask that all families remain in their vehicles and follow the car line for drop off. A staff member will take children's temperature upon arrival.
- Students will exit the vehicle and walk into the building with a preschool aide assisting students.
- During pick up students will be walked out with their class. Parents/guardians are asked to pick up their child and immediately go to their car.
- Appointments are discouraged. Students returning to school after an appointment MUST have a doctor's note and check in with the school office prior to returning to class. Students who go to the doctor for illness may not return to school for the remainder of the day.

EXCLUSION FROM CARE

As new regulations set forth by the CDC (and ODJFS), we will be enforcing a very strict policy on sickness. If your child has a fever of 100.0 F or higher, they will not be permitted to attend and/or will be immediately sent home. The child will not be permitted to attend for 48 hours after the fever returns to normal without medication. If other symptoms are present a doctor's excuse may be required to return to care. Your child will not be permitted to return sooner than the 48 hour window even with a doctor's excuse. If anyone in the home is sick (including a sibling) your child should not be in care until the person is fever free for 48 hours without medication.

Covid Symptoms

As we go through the school year, all staff and students are required to check symptoms daily before leaving home for school. These are the known symptoms of COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

As a good practice, if your child is ill with any contagious diseases such as pink eye, flu, strep throat, stomach bug, etc. please keep them home from school so as not to expose their classmates and school staff.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Child care providers should cancel all field trips, excursions, and large-group events such as parties.

We will not have large group events until we are permitted to do so (i.e. Boonshoft Exhibit). Virtual field trips may be taken using the Clevertouch in the classroom.

Child care providers should, to the extent possible, prevent groups from mixing.

Students will be assigned a group with no more than 9 other students. The group will rotate as a group to outside time, instruction time, etc.

Children of the same employer, to the extent possible, should be in the same group.

We have assigned staff to each classroom for the duration of the day. There will be consistency in staff for the group. Unless there is a need for the teacher to be absent, we will maintain consistency with teachers and students.

Child care providers should stagger the use of any communal space, such as playgrounds, lunchrooms, and bathrooms.

Outdoor times/spaces will be assigned by class. Breakfast will be served in the classroom. Lunch will be served in the classroom. There is an option to purchase or pack lunch. Students will remain in their assigned groups while in the classroom.

Providers should sanitize communal spaces between each group of children.

We are securing all supplies needed for daily deep cleaning and sanitizing. Daily deep cleaning, which includes sanitizing all high touch surfaces, will be performed by our cleaning staff.

In addition, desks, chairs, doors, and other high touch surfaces in classrooms, will be sanitized by staff throughout the day and at the end of each day.

When temporary dividers are used, child care providers should ensure that groups do not mix.

We may possibly use a temporary divider in room 08 to help with separation.

Child care providers should sanitize toys after each use and remove toys that cannot be sanitized. Toys that cannot be sanitized will be removed before we reopen. Otherwise we will sanitize throughout the day. Toys will be rotated out to allow for time to clean and sanitize after use.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE: CONFIRMED EXPOSURE

Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at the day care facility.

- Quarantine Due to Symptoms
 - An individual student or staff member who shows symptoms of COVID-19 should inform their teachers and/or principal as soon as symptoms are discovered; preferably outside of the school day.
 - Students/staff should immediately stay home until symptom free for 72 hours.
 - Anyone showing symptoms will be referred for testing.

We will work closely with the Montgomery Public Health Department on all matters and follow the CDC Guidance for Exposure.