

PLEASANT HILL PRESCHOOL COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following information is taken from The Georgia Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control.

If a **child tests positive** for COVID-19:

- Immediately contact the preschool and keep the child home for 10 days

After the Preschool has been notified, the parents of other children in their class will be told to keep their child at home for 10 days because they are now close contacts.

Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can return to preschool after:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Symptoms have improved

Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 can return to preschool after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive lab test **and**
- The child remains asymptomatic
- (asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons)

Who is a considered a close contact?

- Children and teachers who have a positive case in their classroom
- Children and staff who have a positive case in their household
- Children and staff who have been in contact and spent significant time (more than 15 minutes) with any positive case (friends, neighbors, etc)

Procedures for Different Close Contact Situations:

- **A child in a class tests positive.**
 - Parents will immediately notify the preschool and keep the child home. Parents will contact their child's pediatrician and inform preschool of physician's recommendations. The child's entire class is a close contact and must quarantine. The other classes in the school do not quarantine. (Siblings in other preschool classes also quarantine.)
- **A teacher in a class tests positive.**
 - The teacher's entire class quarantines. The other classes in the school do not quarantine. (Siblings in other preschool classes will also quarantine.)
- **A child's sibling, parent, or other member in their household tests positive.**
 - The child stays home and quarantines. The other children in their class are notified, but the children do not need to quarantine unless that child tests positive. (Siblings in other preschool classes will also quarantine.)
- **A teacher's child or member of their household tests positive.**
 - The teacher stays home and quarantines. The children in the teacher's class are notified, but the children do not need to quarantine unless the teacher tests positive.

When children can return to school after being deemed a close contact is based on whether they show symptoms or not or test positive. Follow the guidelines in the Parent Handbook (also found in the GDPH Guidance on Returning to School handout.)

Asymptomatic persons with a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 can return to preschool after:

- after 7 full days have passed since their most recent exposure, if they fulfill all three of the following criteria:
 - test for covid-19 no earlier than day 5 of quarantine **and**
 - receive a negative result **and**
 - do not experience any covid-19 symptoms during the quarantine period
- after 10 full days have passed since their most recent exposure, if they are not tested for covid-19 and do not experience any covid-19 symptoms during the quarantine period

Communicate all test results with the preschool.

We plan to open with strict guidelines to prevent COVID-19 which will include, but are NOT limited to, the following:

- Temperature checks daily for teachers and students (done at home before school)
- Face masks worn by all teachers and students
- No parents allowed in the building
- Ongoing cleaning of space and materials
- Handwashing more frequently, before and after each activity.
- Face masks worn by all parents/teachers during morning and afternoon carpool.
- Limit class sizes (with 2 teachers).

In addition, we are counting on everyone to follow these IMPORTANT health and safety guidelines to prevent COVID-19:

- Promote wearing face masks
- Promote daily hygiene – more sanitizing, handwashing
- Monitoring Illness
 - Daily temperature checks (done at home before school). If more than 100.4, the child should stay home.
 - Adhere to CDC guidelines if child, staff, or family member tests positive for the virus
 - Isolate sick individuals
 - Any individual exposed to the virus must remain home; parents/guardians will promptly notify the Preschool and share medical advice of physician
- Evaluating Restrictions and making changes when necessary (i.e, face masks).
- Promoting Well-Being
 - Continuing with our love and praise while social distancing.
 - Being there for parents as well as students.
- Monitoring Facilities and Supplies
 - Having each child have their own supply box instead of sharing with class.
 - Create a “clip” system for children to rotate to centers keeping contact with others to a minimum.
- Professional Development
 - Making sure teachers are compliant with new guidelines
 - Giving them the necessary resources they need to succeed in the classroom

PLEASANT HILL PRESCHOOL COVID POLICIES and PROCEDURES for the CLASSROOM

Washing Hands and Hand Sanitizer

- All classrooms will have a bottle of hand sanitizer outside the classroom door. All teachers and students will sanitize hands before entering the classroom.
 - Beginning of the school day
 - After teachers help with drop-off and pick-up
 - After coming in from outside play (preferably wash hands)
- Children and teachers will wash/sanitize their hands after coming in from playing outside.
- Before eating lunch, staff and students will wash their hands. After eating and packing up their lunch, staff and students will again wash their hands.
- Students will wash/sanitize their hands after activities with shared items (centers).

Items Not Allowed

- Water tables and group sensory play items such as rice, beans, sand, and playdough are not allowed.
 - Teachers can have individual sensory items for kids.
- Soft items that cannot be regularly cleaned are not allowed (pillows, blankets, stuffed animals).
 - Teachers can substitute in items that can be wiped down regularly.

Cleaning and Sanitizing the Classroom

- Teachers will clean the tables before and after lunchtime.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned daily: faucets, chairs, tables, doorknobs, light switches.
- Toys used during the day will be cleaned daily.

Fundamental Policies

- Masks will be worn by all children and teachers. (We understand that this is a skill teachers will need to work on with some children.)
- Teachers will try to limit the use of shared supplies and clean between use as much as possible.
- Only children and teachers are allowed in the preschool wing of the building.
- When possible, teachers will open windows to allow for better ventilation.
- When possible, students will eat facing the same direction, sitting on the same side of the table
- Parents, the director, and the teachers will communicate regularly when a student is ill and document their symptoms.

Georgia Department of Public Health Guidance on Return to School

Situation	Criteria to Return to School
Child has symptoms of COVID-19 and has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19	<p>Must answer yes to all three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared? • Has it been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)? • Has it been at least 24 hours since the person’s symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath? <p>Once the criteria above are met, it is not necessary to require a negative COVID-19 test to return to school.</p>
Child has no symptoms (asymptomatic) of COVID-19, but has been diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a positive test .	<p>Child can return to school once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive test <p>However, if the person develops symptoms of COVID-19 after their positive test, they must be able to answer yes to ALL three questions listed above before returning to school.</p>
Child is absent because of COVID-19 symptoms , but then tests negative for COVID-19.	<p>Child can return to school once they can answer yes to both questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been 24 hours since the child had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine? • Has the child felt well for at least 24 hours?
Child is absent because of COVID-19 symptoms and was not tested .	<p>Child can return to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND/OR • 24 hours since symptoms resolved
Child has been determined to be in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19	<p>A 14-day quarantine period is still recommended. However, asymptomatic children may return to school after 7 full days have passed since their most recent exposure if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They test negative (test given no earlier than day 5) • Continue to not experience any COVID-19 symptoms <p>If the child develops symptoms during quarantine, they should remain home and follow guidance for symptomatic children and seek testing.</p>