

# Sunny Days Preschool

## COVID Preparedness & Response Plan

Sunny Days Preschool is committed to protecting the health of our children, our families and loved ones, and our community. The following safety protocols were written in accordance to guidance from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), our state's licensing department for preschools and childcare centers.

Sunny Days Preschool will follow the recommendations & requirements of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in our preparation and response to COVID-19. We will keep the health and safety of our community in mind while also supporting our students' social and emotional well-being.

Please note that any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk to COVID-19 and while we will do everything we can to minimize risk, there is no guarantee of absence of exposure. Families are required to follow all protocols to help minimize risk.

**Sunny Days Preschool will follow best practices using the following protocols:**

### Monitor for Symptoms of COVID 19

- Daily Health Checks will be done upon entry for all children. Children will be assessed for visual signs of illness (flushed cheeks, extreme fatigue, rapid or difficulty breathing, fussiness).
- Temperatures of students will be taken with forehead thermometer upon entering the entryway of the classroom.
- **Upon arrival to class, families are required to report if they or anyone in their household:**
  1. **Have received positive COVID-19 results;**
  2. **Have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and/or**
  3. **Have experienced symptoms such as persistent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, change in smell or taste, diarrhea, and/or vomiting.**

### Practice Social Distancing

- Consistent groups will be maintained. To aid in establishing a "pod" of consistent groups in the classroom & to have space to clean between groups of children, the Pre-K class (Busy Bees) will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays. The three-year-old Preschool class (Buddy Bears) will meet on Thursdays & Fridays.
- Staggered pick up and drop off times will be assigned. (Half of each class will have a 9:00-11:45 am schedule, the other half of each class will have a 9:15 am-12:00 pm schedule.)
- Each parent/child pair will wait **in cars**, & enter the preschool one at a time. Only the student enrolled in the class may walk beyond the entryway into the classroom.
- Only one adult & one child will be allowed in the entryway of the preschool at a time. The same adult will drop off & pick up as much as possible to limit the amount of people in the preschool to a consistent group.
- Parents are asked not to congregate with each other at drop-off & pick-up time & to maintain a 6 foot distance from other families.
- Individual activities will be encouraged during Centers Time. Spaces for one or two children at a time will be provided in each center.
- Children will be spaced apart at all group times such as, Table Time, Circle Time, & Story Time.
- Clear partitions ("sneeze guards") will be used between children when at tables.

## Ensure Proper Hygiene (including cleaning and regular disinfecting)

- Only washable toys and learning materials will be used in the classroom at this time.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized daily & toys and learning materials will be disinfected between groups of children.
- Students will be provided with individual supply boxes for crayons, markers, glue, scissors, and play dough.
- Windows will be opened regularly and the classroom will be aired out as much as possible.
- Each child will wash hands immediately upon entry into the classroom & many times throughout the day (after using restroom, before snack, after blowing or wiping nose).
- Children will change into washable “Inside Shoes” upon entering classroom. These “Inside Shoes” will be washed or sprayed with disinfectant weekly.

## Use of Safety Equipment & Face Coverings

- Teacher(s) and students are required to wear a cloth face covering during class time, as well as upon entering & exiting the preschool.
- All parents (or designated adult) are required to wear a cloth face mask when dropping off and picking up children.
- All students will receive one cloth face mask, & one lanyard to use at school. The children will use their lanyards to keep masks clean & within reach during Snack Time & other times of a distanced “mask break.”
- All families are asked to practice wearing face coverings at home, as well as putting on & removing safely.
- All students are required to have at least one extra **cloth** face mask at school, to be kept in the students’ backpack.
- If a student presents with symptoms of COVID, they will be required to wear their face covering while waiting in a separate area for parent to pick up.

## Partnering & Communicating with Families

- Families are asked to partner with school by limiting their exposure to large gatherings as much as possible or refrain from attending preschool the week following any large group gatherings.
- Families can also partner with school by teaching, practicing, and reinforcing recommended health and safety protocols at home.
- If a student is sent home with symptoms of COVID, all families will be notified.
- If a student, family member, or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, it will be reported to the Macomb County Health Department and our state licensing department (LARA).
- If a student or teacher tests positive for COVID, classes will be cancelled and all families will be required to quarantine for 14 days.
- If an adult or child test positive for COVID they must stay home for 14 days and be fever free for at least 72 hours (3 days) with improved cough, returning with a doctor’s note.

## Enhanced Illness Policy

- As a precaution, if a student is not feeling well OR any member of the family is ill for any reason, the student should not attend preschool that day.
- Parents are asked to veer on the side of caution and when in doubt, refrain from attending preschool.
- Parents are asked to take their child's temperature before leaving home every morning to be sure the child is well enough to drive to preschool
- Children with a temperature of 100 or more degrees for any reason will not be allowed in preschool.
- If a child or teacher visits a healthcare provider and another cause is identified for the symptoms, the individual may return to care once symptoms improve and they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers.
- If another cause is not identified, the individual should be tested for COVID-19.
- If a test is not done, the individual should stay home until:
  - o Has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers AND
  - o Other symptoms have improved AND
  - o At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If a parent or child has been in contact with someone who has COVID, the child may not come to preschool & the family needs to quarantine for 14 days. Families will promptly notify school if anyone in the family has come in contact with someone with COVID.

### If a child develops symptoms during class hours:

- If a child develops symptoms while in school they will be moved away from the other children as much as possible.
- Parents will be called for prompt pick-up.
- The child will remain in the school entryway with a face covering until the parents arrive.

### If the teacher develops symptoms during class hours:

- If Teacher develops sudden symptoms typical of COVID-19, class will immediately be cancelled and families will be contacted for prompt pick-up.
- Emergency substitute will be called, if necessary.

### Please Note

- It is recommended that children be up to date with current vaccination schedules to protect from vaccine-preventable infectious disease outbreaks, including influenza.
- If vaccines have been delayed because of the stay-at-home order, families should have a plan with their child's medical provider for catch-up vaccinations in a timely manner.
- Families are responsible for having a designated back up pick-up adult who can be at the preschool immediately in the event of a sudden closure.