

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Daily COVID-19 Prevention Procedures and Protocols

Please read the following information. Then sign and return the bottom portion of the last page by the first day of school.

HEALTH/SAFETY INFORMATION

Masks- All persons 2yrs and older are required to wear a mask when entering the building. Preschoolers will need to wear their masks for the duration of the school day, with breaks when they can stay social distanced. We realize it may be an adjustment for some children, and we will work with them using positive reinforcement while they adjust.

Temperature Checks-All persons (adults and children) will have their temperature checked upon entry to our building. Please be aware that if your child has a temperature over 100F, they will be sent home immediately.

Periodic Screening- Every two weeks a health screening questionnaire will be sent home for families to fill out in private. The form must be turned in on the next school day. We will have extra forms at school if you forget. One of these screening forms is included with your other forms due on the first day of preschool.

Please Keep Your Child Home If They Are Sick. It is required that you notify the school if you see any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child.

Symptoms to watch for:

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

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, please keep them home from school and call the school office. You will be required to bring in a note from your child's doctor allowing them to return to school.

Symptoms Appear During School?

If your child becomes sick during the school day, you will receive a phone call from the office to come pick them up. Your child will be taken to and supervised in our designated room by our school library until they are picked up.

When you come to get your child early due to illness, you will first pick up their belongings by the classroom, then go to pick up your child. Your child will not be able to return to school until they have seen a doctor and you send in a note from them stating that they may return to In-Person Learning.

Drop off/Pick up/Social Distancing

Drop off-Upon entering the building, all persons will have their temperature taken. Families will need to wait their turn and stay 6ft. apart while waiting. Please bring as few people in the building as possible. However, young siblings should not be left in the car.

After temp.checks, parents will help their child put their coat and backpack in their cubbie and drop them off at the classroom door. After the teacher marks down who drops off the student (for Contact Tracing records) the parent/guardian should immediately leave the building.

Pick up- As with Drop off time, each person entering the building will have their temperature checked. Then the parent/guardian will gather together their child's coat, backpack, any paintings and mail. Next they will stand on the first available sticker on the floor, starting closest to the mailboxes. We will dismiss one child at a time in the order of parents/guardians standing on the floor stickers. Please get

your child dressed and out the door as quickly as possible, since we cannot dismiss another child until the previous one has left or there is enough space around them.

Please keep your preschool child and any siblings with you during pick up to preserve social distancing.

Social Distancing During Class- At the preschool level, we need to teach social skills. However, we must also keep the children socially distanced as much as possible for their and your safety. We have worked on a plan to accomplish both goals.

At our group learning times children will sit 6ft. apart on their marked spot.

During Play times the classes will be divided into small groups, while wearing masks. They will then be able to make friends and build their social development, but still keeping their risk of exposure to any virus low. Teachers will monitor the small groups in order to be sure the groups remain 6ft. apart.

Small group activities, such as art projects or one on one academic work, with our teachers will be socially distanced.

Gym activities will focus more on individual skills rather than group sports/games.

Hygiene- More time will be devoted to hand washing during the day and the students will be taught how to use good hygiene when coughing or sneezing and how to use their masks.

Custodial staff will sanitize all student areas after school each day. Toys, keyboards, and all learning equipment will be washed regularly and hands will be washed after use of any shared items.

Positive Result for or Exposure to COVID-19?

If your child has a positive result for or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 you are required by the state to notify our school.

Your child will then need to stay at home in quarantine for a minimum of two weeks. In order to return to school after the two weeks, you must present the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, if they were previously positive, or a doctor's note if they were only exposed to the virus.

If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the class or someone who has been exposed, all parents will be informed of the fact without revealing any names or personal information. The

Niagara County DOH will be notified and we will cooperate with them in any contact tracing efforts.

School Closure- If our preschool needs to close due to COVID-19, parents will be notified through phone calls/texts and postings on the local television channels, ABC, NBC, and CBS.

Thank you for your cooperation with all these new procedures. We look forward to a great school year!

God's Blessings,

Rebecca Orłowski

Director of Preschool

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Student

I have read and understand the new daily COVID-19 prevention procedures and protocols provided to me by St. Paul Lutheran Preschool.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date