



Bakerstown Presbyterian Children's Center

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BAKERSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN

COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS, POLICIES and PROCEDURES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

With guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Center of Disease Control, we have developed a plan to help reduce the possible exposure to COVID-19.

This plan may change depending on cases reported in Allegheny County as well as surrounding areas.

Information can be found using the links below:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

MODIFICATIONS

SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS:

Each class will be reduced by 15 minutes. All morning classes will be 9:00am to 11:15am. All afternoon classes will be 12:30pm to 2:45pm. This modification will allow for more time to disinfect the building.

DROP OFF MODIFICATIONS:

Drop off will be curb side and no parents will be permitted inside the building. Each child's teacher and/or teaching assistant will assist with taking them into the building and to their classroom. Drop off will begin at 8:55am and 12:25pm. Doors will be locked at 9:15am and 12:45pm **and after that time no one will be permitted inside the building.**

Teachers will have children use hand sanitizer before entering the building and again when they get to their classrooms. Once winter arrives, they will enter the building and then use hand sanitizer.

CLASSROOM MODIFICATIONS:

Each child will have their own supplies to use in the classroom. This will include (may vary by class) scissors, pencil, crayons, glue stick, markers, and play dough. Items may change throughout the year.

Children will work in more small groups than large group work or activities. We will have times as a group, such as circle time, but we will be social distanced and wearing masks when doing so.

Toys will not be reused by other classes in the same week. All items used in any particular class will be cleaned at the end of the week so that they can then be used by another class the following week.

When children are seated at tables, we will do our best to seat them 6' apart. We will also do our best to keep children at the same seat for the week. Tables/chairs will be sanitized after each use.

All classrooms will be center-based to allow for better social distancing.

We will avoid using any items that can not be easily disinfected after use, such as dress-up clothing.

We will avoid having children in any other classroom that is not their own to avoid the mixing of groups.

There will be no snack, but every child may bring their own water bottle. Use of water fountains will be prohibited.

Class sizes have been reduced to help practice social distancing when feasible.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING MODIFICATIONS

High touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently, both during and between classes.

Playground time will be scheduled so that only one class at a time is using the area.

The entire school will be disinfected professionally prior to the school year starting and again approximately every 2-3 months. This is in addition to our staff disinfecting following dismissal and the classrooms being cleaned in the evenings.

Children will use hand sanitizer at the doors upon arrival before entering the building (weather permitting; otherwise they will step inside then use hand sanitizer) and again when they get to their classrooms. They will do this again when entering from the playground.

Staff will use a disinfectant wipe on any handrails they use in the building immediately after their class has used them.

Staff will use a disinfecting spray in the bathrooms after their class has finished using it.

Bathrooms will then be thoroughly cleaned each evening.

USE OF MASKS:

Every child and staff member will be required to wear a mask. Each child will be provided with one mask lanyard which will stay at school. They will be permitted to remove their masks outside at recess when feasible. 2 extra masks will be required for each child and will be provided by the parents. These will be kept in a ziplock bag with the child's name on it and used if needed.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES

COVID WAIVER:

Every parent **MUST** have a waiver signed and returned **PRIOR** to the first day of school. No child will be permitted to attend if it is not received before their first day of school. Please refer to the Waiver for additional information.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS:

Every parent is asked to do temperature checks on their child each day before coming to school. We ask that parents are also monitoring for symptoms. If a child has a temperature of 100.4 or above or the symptoms listed on the Covid Waiver and below, they should not attend school.

One Symptom:

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, lack of smell or taste (new/without congestion), eye symptoms (Pink eye), nausea or vomiting.

Two Symptoms:

Sore throat, runny nose or congestion, chills, muscle pain or fatigue, headache and rash.

TRAVEL:

If your family visits one of the “hot spots”, as determined by the CDC, we are asking that you quarantine for 14 days before allowing your child to return to school.

Below is the link to check for “hot spots”. Be sure to check this list before traveling because it changes frequently.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

SICK DURING SCHOOL/COVID TESTING and RETURN:

If your child becomes ill while he/she is at school, we will take their temperature and monitor symptoms. They will be isolated and parents will be called for pick up. We ask that someone picks up within 15 minutes from receiving our call. We ask that parents refer to their pediatrician for further guidance. If the pediatrician does not feel a COVID test is warranted, but your child has some symptoms (but not all), then they should quarantine for 7 days. If they are fever-free for 3 days, without receiving fever-reducing medications, they can return to school. If your child has symptoms and is referred for a COVID test, they must quarantine for 14 days or return after a negative test. If your child has a doctor's visit, please bring a doctor's excuse upon returning to school.