

Fox Hill Preschool – COVID-19 Safety Procedures – August 2022

1. Hygiene

- a. All students and teachers will wash hands with soap and water regularly, including: at home before coming to school, upon arrival at school, before and after eating, after playing outside, and other times periodically.
- b. Students will be educated in proper handwashing and be supervised while washing hands.
- c. In addition to regular washing with soap and water, teachers and students may periodically wash hands with hand sanitizer.
- d. Water fountains will not be used. Students will bring their own water bottles.
- e. Diapering hygiene procedures will be followed where applicable.

2. Sanitation

- a. Teachers will disinfect frequently touched surfaces with Clorox wipes at the end of each day. Tables will be wiped with Clorox wipes before and after lunch, and children will be kept away from tables until the surface dries.
- b. Teachers will disinfect toys and other objects at the end of each day. Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized should not be used. Toys that a child places in their mouth will be separated immediately to be sanitized.

3. Illness

- a. If your child exhibits ANY of these symptoms, keep him/her home:
 1. Temperature 100.4 or higher; 2. Cough; 3. Shortness of breath; 4. Difficulty breathing;
 5. Sore throat; 6. Runny nose/congestion; 7. Chills; 8. New lack of smell or taste;
 9. Muscle pain; 10. Nausea or vomiting; 11. Headache; 12. Diarrhea.
- b. A child who has any of the symptoms listed above must remain at home until there has been appropriate medical care. Your pediatrician will need to approve your child's return to school in writing, and you must submit the written doctor's note to your teachers and the Preschool Director via email prior to your student returning to school.
- c. Children who get sick during the day will be isolated until they are picked up by a parent.
- d. A staff member who has any of the symptoms listed above must remain at home until they have received written doctor's note indicating that they may return to work.
- e. Parents of children with underlying health conditions such as asthma should discuss with their child's doctor whether it is safe for them to participate, and notify teachers of the underlying health condition.

4. Masks

- a. If Allegheny County has a High community level based on the CDC Community Levels Guidance, then students and staff will be recommended to wear a facemask when indoors. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>)

5. Response to Positive COVID-19 Cases

- a. Students and staff will comply with all Public Health guidance regarding recommended isolation and quarantining. (CDC Guidance on Quarantine & Isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>)
- b. If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19, then the staff member or parent/guardian of the student will inform the Preschool immediately, isolate for 5 days and wear a mask for 10 days, and submit a written doctor's note indicating that it is safe for them to return.
- c. People who have known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 without symptoms should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from their last exposure, regardless of vaccination status or history of prior infection (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>). Those with symptoms should follow rules for all illnesses/COVID-19 cases as above.
- d. We will maintain attendance records in order to comply with contact tracing in the event of a possible COVID-19 exposure.
- e. The preschool will communicate with all staff and families regarding possible COVID-19 exposure as recommended by the Pennsylvania or Allegheny County Health Departments, while maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of those affected.