

All God's Children MDO Preschool Covid-19 Agreement & Guidelines

Dear Parents,

In order to keep both children and teachers safe and healthy, and keep the school open we must all work together to limit the risk of contracting Covid-19 by minimizing social interactions in public, abiding by safe social distancing recommendations and wearing a mask when in public places.

What I understand and agree to:

- I agree to send my child only to All God's Children Mother's Day Out and not enroll my child into more than one school or daycare. Sending children to multiple childcare settings or exposing them to settings including new groups of children increases exposure and risk of contracting Covid-19.
- I agree to follow the health protocols outlined in this document. Failure to abide by these health protocols will result in immediate dismissal.
- I understand that if anyone in my family or someone who has been in close contact with my family gets tested for Covid-19, my child must not attend school until the results are received and show a negative result.
- All God's Children's MDO Preschool cannot be held liable if your child or a family member contracts Covid-19.
- The goal of All God's Children's MDO Preschool during Covid-19 is to be a safe "bubble" that continues to allow children to receive social, emotional learning opportunities important to the development of children. If all families enrolled at All God's Children's MDO Preschool minimize social interactions in public, abide by safe social distancing recommendations and Adults wear a mask when in public we will all be working toward the same goal.

All God's Children's MDO Preschool Employees and Smithville Church of Christ Church Staff are a part of this "bubble" and are committed to following these safe practices as well.

Please let any additional family members that will be involved in the drop off or pick up process read these guidelines as well. Thank you

Early Childhood Teachers and Their Students

It is our goal to provide an effective developmental and educational environment that ensures the safety of our children and teachers.

To reduce the risk of exposure, our child care setting will maintain consistent groups of children with the same Early Childhood Staff Members every school day, and will take steps to avoid intermixing groups of children and workers throughout school day . Each group will only be with their classmates and Teacher & Teacher Assistant each day. We will not be mixing groups until CDC Approves these Changes.

Face Coverings in the Early Childhood Setting

All Staff working in an indoor care setting must wear a face covering in communal areas (e.g., hallways, lobbies, restrooms, kitchen, etc.)

All Staff must wear a face covering during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up process.

All Staff must wear a face covering during the process of serving snack and helping with lunches. Anytime during the handling of food or drink for the children.

Child care settings such as the classroom have unique needs that do not always permit face coverings when indoors. Child care settings require additional flexibility surrounding the use of face coverings, which increase visibility of facial expressions and lip movements, which is critical to early childhood development and learning. *(for example, when young children would benefit from viewing staff facial expressions and lip movements to understand what is being said to them and how words are formed, singing songs, story time, during learning activities etc.*

When wearing a face covering is problematic

Staff with a medical condition that makes it unreasonable for them to wear a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people who have a medical condition (such as asthma without illness) that compromises their ability to breathe. Staff who

engage in certain activities listed below that make wearing a face covering difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent feasible with young children : When eating or drinking. When communicating with a child. When participating in physical activity or when engaged in other activities (e.g., presenting, performing, or playing with children) that would make it difficult or impractical to wear a face covering . During outside time.

Children 5 years of age and under are not required to wear a face shield or face covering in a child care setting. Children who are under the age of 2 years, or children who are sleeping, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering or face shield without assistance; or who cannot tolerate a shield or covering due to a developmental, medical, or behavioral health condition must not wear a face covering or face shield.

School Information

□ We will continue to celebrate birthdays throughout the school year. However, if a parent decides to bring a treat for the class, it must be a sealed unopened store purchased treat. We cannot serve other children any food prepared in someone else's home.

□ If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member we will follow the procedures as set forth by CDC. The class group affected will be under a **14 day quarantine**.

□ All God's Children MDO Preschool will continue to follow Smithville Texas Independent School District and Bastrop school calendar for inclement weather closures . We will follow closures related to Covid-19 that are in the best interest for the health and safety of the children and staff.

□ **Temporary Closures, Permanent Closure & Temporary Quarantine**

All God's Children MDO tuition is due the first Tuesday or Thursday of each month.

Late fee will apply if late. Please do not be late or you will be charged an extra \$25.00. Please pay on time. Thank you!

No refunds will be given for tuition .

Will only take tuition payment for the current month.

No advance payments.

Tuition for one child is \$175.00 each month

Tuition for two children is \$315.00 each month.

Temporary Closures & Temporary Quarantine

In the event we have temporary closures/temporary quarantine up to a week & more and then return to school, tuition will not change and it will remain the same. We will provide learning packets for the temporary absence of a week & more. You will be able to pick up the packets at the school. Regular tuition payments will be due.

Permanent Closure

Tuition amount will only change in the event if the governor or the county***closes schools down on a permanent basis for the school year.*** (In the event it will not be opening again.)

At that time we will prepare 5 day week Curriculum Packets for Distance Learning according to age of your child for you to pick up. Tuition amount will then be half price with complete closure of school year only. You can pay when you pick up your child's packets.

In the event of complete school year closure if you decide not to continue with the packet option for distance learning you can notify me at that time you wish to end your child's enrollment in All God's Children MDO Preschool.

CDC Guidance

- Based on CDC guidance, All God's Children MDO Preschool has created plans around the following prevention measures:
- Implement social distancing strategies to the best of our ability with preschool children that are age appropriate for 2, 3, 4 & 5 year old children by maintaining consistent groups of children with the same Early Childhood Staff Members every school day, and will take steps to avoid intermixing groups of children and workers throughout school day. They will have schedules that will include a Full Preschool

Day. Circle Time, Outside Time, Learning Centers, Art, Story Time, Music Time and more in the same learning areas all day.

- Intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts
- Modify drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Implement screening procedures upon arrival
- All God's Children MDO Preschool employees will have required health and safety training related to COVID-19.
- Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Child Care Settings
- Everyone is encouraged to take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illness.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Remember to supervise young children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent swallowing alcohol.
- MDO Preschool cleans and sanitizes surfaces each morning & afternoon and periodically throughout the day.
- Restrooms will be sanitized between each class.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- Cover cough and sneezes.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when you have to go out in public.
- Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.

Class size and ratio requirements:

All God's Children MDO Preschool student to teacher ratios are unaffected by Covid-19. Our student teacher ratios are still within the modified ratios for opening childcare during Covid-19.

Remaining at Home When Sick

It is imperative that both children and adults remain at home when sick.

- Parents must notify All God's Children MDO Preschool when their child will not be in school.
- All God's Children MDO Preschool will track illnesses in order to notify families .

If a child becomes sick while in care, they will be cared for in a separate area while waiting for the parent to arrive.

- Parents should promptly pick up their child after they have been notified.
- Children cannot return to school until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation

explained in the screening section.

Employees will be vigilant for Covid-19 symptoms and will notify the director immediately if and when they start to feel sick. If an employee becomes sick while at work, a substitute will cover for the remainder of the day and the employee will be sent home. (We need Moms that are interested in preparing/training to be added to our Substitute List. You will always be with an Assistant or Teacher. You will also make some spending money. If your children are in School please, please consider this! 😊 We really need subs! Thanks

- Parents will be notified when an employee leaves due to illness.
- Employees will not return to work until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation

explained in the screening section.

CDC guidelines will be followed to clean and disinfect surfaces at All God's Children MDO Preschool if someone becomes sick during the school day.

If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member:

Parents will be notified.

Things allowed in building

Personal items **other than** diapers, change of clothes, 2 year class necessary items and lunch, should be left at home. Please Clearly Label Everything With Your Child's Name On The Outside. So Important! There Will Be Less Handling of Items and Easier to Find Especially With the New Arrival and Pickup Procedures.

MDO Preschool will limit access to the building by only allowing the following individuals to enter:

Adults Must Enter With Mask On

- MDO Preschool employees;
- Persons with legal authority to enter
- Children enrolled at the preschool ; and
- Parents who have children enrolled - only when necessary because we will be following guidelines set forth by CDC.
- Church employees

Social distancing requirements Set Forth By CDC:

- Special events days that parents attend will be cancelled until social gatherings are allowed. Holiday Parties,etc.
- Each group of children will be kept separate from other groups of children. Combined classes for music, bible and special events will be discontinued until further notice.

Screening:

- MDO Preschool will screen the following individuals every day before entering the building:
- All MDO Preschool employees;
- Persons with legal authority to enter
- Children enrolled at the operation; and
- Parents of enrolled students who have an extenuating circumstance for entering the building.

Staff will ask if you took your child's temperature at home and what it was. These Questions Will Be Posted at the Different Areas of Entry for You to Read and Ask Yourself before your child can enter. I will also be sending a laminated copy home for your quick reference before you bring your child to school each day . It will take Everyone working together and following these procedures to Successfully meet this protocol.

Please remember all of this is for the safety of the children and teachers. It is for your safety as well. It is also to keep the school open.

Entry will be denied to any person who meets any of the following criteria:

- Register a temperature of 100.4°F or above? **If you take a child's temp under the arm you always add a degree.**
- Taken any fever reducing medications such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or Motrin in the past 12 hours?
- Shown signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, shortness of breath, sore

throat, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea

and/or low-grade fever?

- In the previous 14 days, has anyone in your family been in contact with:

- someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; • someone who is under investigation for COVID-19; • someone who is ill with a respiratory illness;

- In the previous 14 days, has anyone in your family travelled internationally or to areas in the US with widespread, sustained community transmission?

If any of the screening questions were answered positively, entry will not be allowed in the building until one of the following is met: who meets any of the following criteria:

- In the case of a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, all three of the following criteria must be met:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of

fever-reducing medications);

- And the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);

- And at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

- In the case of someone who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or

- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- Someone with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 should not return until the end of the 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure.

- Someone with family members who have traveled internationally or to areas within the US with widespread, sustained community transmission, should not

return until the end of the 14 day self- quarantine period from the last date of exposure.

Parent drop-off and pick-up:

- Before leaving your home each day, MDO Preschool asks that you take your child's temperature and wash your child's hands just before getting into the car. If your child registers a fever of 100.0 or above, your child cannot attend school.
- All parents must wear masks during drop-off and pick-up. Children are not required to wear masks.
- All parents will be required to drop-off and pickup children outside unless there are extenuating circumstances that must be approved prior to drop-off and/or pick-up of your child. Should a parent have a legitimate need to enter the operation, the parent will be screened like employees and children.
- Our youngest 2's class will arrive first at 8:25 and Two's Parents will line up at the same entrance as last year. Arrival for 3's is 8:35 and Parents will line up at Church Front Entrance. Arrival for 4's is at 8:45 at the same entrance as last year. Parents are required by CDC to be 6 feet apart. In the event of bad weather all students will drop-off at the front entrance of the church. As with anything new it will probably be pretty crazy the first week or two at drop off and pick up no matter how organized it is. The most important thing is that the children are excited and have big preschool smiles! 😊
- Before allowing entry into the building, everyone will be screened by taking the temperature of each child upon arrival and answering the screening questions listed at the door and you will have a copy at home for your refrigerator door. Entry will be denied to any person who met any of the screening criteria previously explained.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for children to sanitize hands before entering the building.
- MDO Preschool will be implementing staggered drop-off and pick up

Pick up same area you dropped your child off.

Pick up Times: For Two Year Olds: 2:00-2:10, Three's 2:10-2:20 and Four's 2:20-2:30. Please time your activities so you arrive to pick up your child during your assigned time. It is a requirement of CDC to have staggered arrival and pickup. Thank you

- MDO Preschool will implement the following drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- Park your car and walk your child to the designated area.
- Depending on your child's class, line-up in designated area in keeping appropriate distance (6 ft.) between everyone.
- A MDO Preschool employee will
 - take your child's temperature using a touch-less thermometer.
 - review the questions to make sure you have met the screening criteria
 - employee will apply hand sanitizer to your child's hand
- After passing the screening criteria and applying hand sanitizer, your child will be led into the entry of the church where they will meet with their teacher.
- When the majority of students in your child's class have arrived, the class will continue to the classroom to begin their day.
- **Due to these new procedures, on-time arrival in the morning is important and on time afternoon pickup important. I can't stress how important being on time is . Thank you ahead for your cooperation.**

Everyone should wait near entrance and your child's teacher will bring your child to you. **We do ask that you leave promptly to comply with social distancing guidelines set forth by CDC.**

Preparing for the first day of school:

Before the first day of school:

- Talk to your child about new drop-off and pick-up procedures explaining that:

- Parents cannot enter the building and will need to say goodbye outside.
- Teachers will be taking their temperature to make sure everyone is healthy.
- Hand sanitizer will be used each morning before entering the building.
- Work with your child at home to reinforce proper hand washing etiquette. Explain that frequent hand washing is to prevent the spread of germs and that it is an important part their school day.
- Explain the importance of why teachers will be wearing a mask when they arrive to school and how it helps to protect everyone from spreading germs.
- Take your child's temperature daily for a week before school starts to establish a baseline.

If you have any questions or your plans have changed for the school year please let me know asap. Please email me at vondabearden@yahoo.com or message me.

I have read and understand the Agreement & Guidelines. I agree with ***All God's Children MDO Preschool Covid-19 Agreement & Guidelines.***

Name _____

Date _____

Please read Complete Agreement & Guidelines.
Required to Be Turned In On First Morning of Attendance.