

COVID -19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

These policies and procedures are being implemented to protect the health and safety of the staff and the community we serve. It is very important that we work together to ensure everyone's the health and safety. These procedures have been developed in accordance with CDC, Alameda County Health Department, and California Community Care Licensing guidelines and regulations. The health and safety of our community is our number one priority.

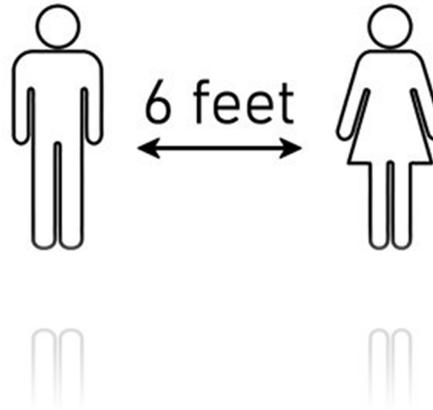
Wearing Face Coverings

- By wearing a face mask/shield we are able to slow/prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst our community.
- All parents and staff members are required to wear a mask when 6 feet of physical distancing is not possible.
- Masks for children enrolled in the preschool are optional and not required to be worn in the classroom.



Daily Health Check

- Students/Staff will have their temperature taken at the start of each day.
- A morning health assessment will be done daily.
- Monitoring will happen throughout the day and temperatures will be logged.
- If a staff member or student is found to have a fever over 100.4, or to have symptoms of a cough, shortness of breath, or a sore throat, they will be asked to go home immediately.
- We are limiting visitors inside the preschool at this time. Anyone deemed a "necessary and authorized visitor", will have their temperature taken before entering and will be asked to wash their hands.



Physical Distancing

- Staff, parents, and authorized visitors will need to practice physical distancing by staying at least 6 ft. apart.
- The classrooms have been redesigned to allow for the children to provide distancing while they are working and playing.
- We will be encouraging the children to observe physical distancing recommendations by using positive reinforcement methods, verbal cues, fun songs, and videos. Please keep in mind this may not always be possible due to the age of the children we service.



Hygiene

- All staff and students will wash their hands when they arrive each day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at all entrances, each classroom, and in high traffic areas.
- Students will be taught proper hand washing and will be supervised while doing so.
- Staff and students will wash hands each time there is a transition in/out of the classroom.
- Children will continue to be taught and encouraged to sneeze or cough into their elbow.

Stop the Spread of COVID-19



Arrival and Departure

At this time, we will be limiting access to the inside of the preschool building. Anyone, entering must have prior authorization, be wearing a mask, have their temperature taken, and sign in/out.

- Before you begin the check-in process, a staff member will take your child's temperature and do a health assessment before being accepted for the day.
- The Brightwheel app will be used to check your child in/out of the program. This is a no contact process.
- If Brightwheel is not working, a signature will be required. Please provide your own pen when possible.
- Parents will use the Brightwheel app to communicate when they will arrive to pick up their child.
- A staff member will bring them out to your car.



New Lower Group Sizes

Per the new CDC, ACHD, and CCL Licensing Guidelines, we have made the following changes:

- Group sizes to 1:10 in a classroom.
- Children will remain with their assigned teacher and group for the duration of their time under our care and will not intermingle with other groups.
- Large group times have been restructured so groups will never be larger than 10.
- Groups will no longer rotate and share classrooms or materials.
- Children will have assigned seating in order to reduce the possibility of cross contamination.
- Children who stay for lunch and nap, will do so in their assigned classrooms.
- Playground time will be rotated between groups and will be cleaned and disinfected between each group.
- Daily schedules will be adjusted to allow for more outside time, weather permitting.



Staff Training

- Before staff members return to work, they will take the State required DPR training, to learn how to clean and disinfect properly and which products are most effective.
- All staff members are trained on new safety measures and implementation procedures.
- Staff has been trained on how COVID-19 is transmitted, what symptoms they need to look for and preventative measures that need to be taken to reduce the spread.
- Teachers will be trained on best practices for how to talk to children about the virus and the changes that have taken place in our environment.

New Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

One of the most effective ways to slow or prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus is to implement a rigorous cleaning and disinfecting process

- All cleaning products have been approved and are EPA certified.
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocols and schedules have been implemented to ensure high traffic areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Bathrooms and sinks are cleaned after each use.
- Children will be provided with their own art supplies that will be stored individually.
- All classroom materials will be cleaned after each use.
- Daily schedules have been adjusted to allow for time to clean before and after school each day.
- Our janitorial service will continue to clean in the evenings.

Communication

- We will be using Brightwheel as our primary means of communication to relay specific information regarding your child and provide you updates throughout the day.
- General information about the program will be sent out via email through the preschool office.
- Join our Facebook page to stay up to date on events and to see photos and videos of what is happening throughout the day.
- Contact the preschool office if you have any questions at 510/456-4280 or at rimplach@popfremont.org.