

Keeping Everyone Healthy at Beachwood Nursery School

These are the measures we are taking in our classrooms to reduce the spread of COVID-19 - July 2020

Health & Safety

- We have asked our staff to test for COVID-19 prior to returning to work & on a monthly basis. We hope our families will do the same to keep everyone safe.
- Staff & children must complete a health screening, temperature check and complete the daily questions for licensing.
- Staff & children must wash their hands upon arrival for 20 seconds, when changing from one activity to another, before & after snacks & lunch, after coming in from outside, after using the toilet, after blowing their nose, etc. (Staff will assist children with hand over hand instruction to ensure proper hand washing for 20 seconds if assistance is needed).
- Staff are required to wear masks every day. Children 2 and older will be encouraged to wear masks when interacting with other children within close proximity.
- Children will have labeled individual writing & art materials to keep in their cubbies to reduce shared items.
- Children's personal clothing items should be stored in a sealed, labeled plastic bag that will fit in a cubby/bin.
- No lunch boxes, back-packs, or toys to minimize items from home. (Please use a washable tote for items needed from home and wash it on a daily basis.)
- Sleep sacks, crib sheets, & small blankets (36"x36") for rest-time will be laundered at school weekly or sooner if needed.
- No outside visitors to our classrooms/buildings.

Classroom Function

- Each group of children will remain with the same teaching staff daily. Classroom space cannot be shared with others.
- Each classroom will have visual reminders of safety measures: social distancing, hand washing, wearing a mask, etc.
- Many small group activities will be provided throughout the day and are limited to 2 to 3 children spaced around a table.
- Classroom windows are opened frequently to circulate the air. (Enhanced air circulation with fans & air cleaners.)
- HVAC systems are equipped with 4" Honeywell air filters for improved air quality.

Outdoor Function

- Playground use is staggered so only one classroom is on each playground at a time.
- Groups are encouraged to spend as much time outdoors as reasonable.
- Touch surfaces on bicycles & play gym are disinfected after each group use.
- Water table or sand-box play will not be available at this time but designated Splash Days (sprinkler use) will be scheduled.
- Individual class outdoor items are disinfected after use daily.

Cleaning Our classrooms

- Frequently Touched Surfaces are cleaned and disinfected every AM & PM session or more frequently if needed: cabinets, tables, chairs, door handles, push bars, light switches, handrails, phones, electronics, etc.
- Tables are cleaned using a two-step process before meals, after small group or after using table toys by individual children.
- Table toys played with by one or two children will be removed and replaced with previously disinfected table toys.
- Table toys will be grouped for AM use & cleaned and PM use & cleaned.
- Handwashing sinks & faucets are sprayed with disinfectant after use.
- Toilets are disinfected twice a day; seats are sprayed with disinfectant after use.
- Floors are disinfected twice a day (after lunch & at end of day).
- Floors are vacuumed with a high-efficiency air (HEPA) filter when children are not present & steam-cleaned weekly.
- Wooden toys are steam cleaned when used.