

Keeping Everyone Healthy at Beachwood Nursery School

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

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 that include questions about fever, fever-reducing medication, symptoms, exposure to a confirmed COVID case, travel to an area of high transmission, for both the children and family members or close contacts.
- 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 and especially 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 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, except after hours. Limited special visitors for special presentations are permitted if proper social distancing and mask wearing are in use.

Classroom Arrangements

- Each group of children will remain with the same teaching staff daily, except for last hour before closing. Classroom space cannot be shared with others.
- Each classroom will have visual reminders of social distancing; hand washing; wearing masks, etc.
- Small group activities will be provided throughout the day and are limited to two-three children spaced around a table.
- Classroom windows are opened to circulate air and/or enhanced air circulation provided with fans & air cleaners.
- HVAC systems are equipped with 4" Honeywell MERV-13 air filters for improved air quality.

Outdoors

- Playground use is staggered so only one classroom in on each playground at a time.
- Groups are encouraged to spend as much time outdoors as reasonable
- Touch surfaces on bicycles & outdoor toys/items are disinfected after each group use.
- Water table or sand-box play will not be available at this time.

Cleaning Our Classrooms

- Frequently Touched Surfaces are cleaned 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 sanitized table toys.
- Table toys will be cleaned at least daily.
- Handwashing sinks & faucets are sprayed with disinfectant after use.
- Toilets are disinfected twice a day.
- 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 frequently.
- Wooden toys are steam cleaned when used.