

SOCDS Health Policies

Please know that SOCDS is committed to the health and safety of our children, our families, and our staff. We are striving to be thoughtful and as consistent as possible. We are following the CDC guidelines for capacity and for health and safety protocols. This is a working document and we are dependent upon our families to support us in ensuring best practices are reviewed and implemented. Thank you for your partnership.

Pre-Covid Processes

As part of preschool in general, many of the processes we use every day, pre-pandemic, are part of the CDC guidelines:

- Handwashing every time you enter the classroom (and we have a sink outside to help too.) We have sinks available in all areas and will encourage soap and water, as opposed to hand sanitizer.
- Specific cleaning schedules with a two-step process of cleaning and disinfecting with disposal paper towels (no rags or sponges)
 - We have plenty of bleach and other approved disinfectants
 - High touch areas (tables, chairs, sinks, light switches, etc.) will be disinfected before students enter the classroom, as well as during each transition in and out of the classroom
 - Items in the classroom will be cleaned and sanitized before children join the room. Items that cannot be easily cleaned will be removed.
 - Water bottles are labeled and stored without touching.
 - Soft items have all been removed.
 - Individual containers of items will be used whenever possible, and each child will have their own box of crayons, pencils, scissors, etc.
- Contactless sign-in and sign-out
- High quality air flow systems

- We recently upgraded our air flow in the main house and we also increased the air conditioners in the back building.
- In the main house we are continuing to use the UV light cleaner function for all air flow (air conditioner and heater.) This unit was purchased pre COVID so I don't know the true impact.
- Two air filter systems will be in use in the back building.
- "Social distancing" is another way of saying respect personal space and no sharing body fluids

Social Distancing at Preschool

The remaining CDC guidelines are focused on keeping small groups of students separate from the rest of the school, limiting adults in the building, temperature checks daily, and comprehensive plans for contact tracing and plans for isolation measures (school closure.) These practices are to implement social distancing as best we can in a preschool environment.

General Program Structure

- Limit classes to 10 students and 1 teacher at any one time, with the understanding that there will be consistent float teachers to assist during breaks and lunch
- All student schedules will be full time (5 days a week) and full day (8:30-3:30pm)
- Everyone must wear a mask on campus. Children will be consistently encouraged to wear the mask appropriately. In the classroom when children are working at an independent center, and socially distance, they will be allowed to remove their mask. On the playground, during free play, children will be allowed to remove their masks.
- Drop off and Pick up will be near the door entrance for each classroom
- Daily health screening as outlined below, and reported weekly to DCF Licensing Agency.
- All children must be potty trained (and must be at least 3 years old)
- Art with Ms. Jenny and Gardening with Ms. Linda will continue; however, we will not have any outside adults join the classroom (no music, no yoga, no special guests)
- No parents or adults will be allowed in the buildings

- Multiple periods of time outside as individual classes; no common playground time and no blending of the classes
- No outside lunch service
- Snacks will be eaten at a separate center where children can socially distance; we are working on a lunch plan as well which might include eating outside under tents
- No naps
- Each child will have their own supply box so that they only use their own items. These boxes will be stored in the classroom

Health Screening

Daily temperature checks and symptom checks of staff and children will be done before entering the classrooms. Temperatures may not exceed 100.4F. Temperature will be taken with a no contact forehead thermometer (temperature can be taken up to 3 times.)

Parents/Staff will also have to affirm that:

- No medications have been taken to lower the child's temperature
- Child has not exhibited fever, cough, or shortness of breath, and/or symptoms of other communicable diseases like cold or flu?
- Child has complained about sore throat or body rash
- Child has been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- No household member has symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, fever, shortness of breath)
- If one of our children or staff has a confirmed case of COVID-19 we will follow the recommendations of the local health department. In addition, the return to work or preschool procedures will follow the CDC guidelines and the recommendations of a health care provider.