

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your support and prayers during this season. We have received a number of questions and have outlined the steps we are taking at Los Altos Grace Preschool due to COVID-19. We developed these steps by reviewing guidance from the LA County Health Department, the State of California Department of Social Services and the CDC and in consultation with other preschools in our community. As we implement these procedures, we hope to make our school environment as healthy as possible for your children and our staff. We've instructed each teacher to follow these recommended guidelines to ensure we keep things as clean and healthy as possible.

- Hours of Operation 7:00am-6:00pm – Please drop off no later than 9:00am
- Drop-off and pick-up will be at the gate. Please wait in marked areas, wearing a facemask at all times. Staff will meet parents/children at the gate during drop-off/pick-up times. At this time, we are requesting that parents and other visitors do not enter school through the gate to minimize the number of people on campus.
- Your child's temperature and wellness check will be administered and approved at the gate. No one, including children, staff, or parents, will be permitted to enter or allowed to stay if they are experiencing respiratory symptoms, cough and/or temperature of over 100.4°. When signing in, parents are confirming that during the last 24 hours, their child has not been ill, has not been exposed to anyone that was ill, and has not been administered any fever reducing medication.
- Sign-in carts will be located outside the gate. Please sanitize your hands with the provided hand sanitizer, use a clean pen (or bring your own), and exercise social distancing. Lunch pails and nap bags should be left on the sign-in cart. Please use disposable baggies (when possible) for food items instead of reusable containers.
- All staff members will wear a facemask. Please provide a clean facemask for your child daily. Children will be encouraged to wear a mask properly, when feasible.
- Your child will be grouped with 10 children or less/day to minimize the number of those they are in contact with. Classes may be combined if there is low enrollment in each class. Your child will interact with the same teachers daily. Children will be in the same group for class time, outdoor time, lunch, and nap.
- Personal items such as jackets and nap bags will be kept separated from others. During this time, personal toys, including stuffed animals for nap, should be kept at home.
- Furniture and play spaces will be rearranged so children will have more individual/small group activities, maintaining 6-foot separation as much as possible.
- Toys, tables, chairs, doorknobs, high traffic areas inside and outside will be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected through every transition and every evening.

- Hands will be washed thoroughly at every transition through the day, including entry/exit of the facility.
- Groups will have staggered schedules when outside and everything (including play structures, toys and trikes) will be disinfected or rotated to ensure safety after use.
- Toilet and restrooms fixtures will be cleaned after every use. There will be gloves and disinfectant spray located in each restroom.
- All parents will be asked to sign our updated COVID 19 Illness Policy, which outlines when children must stay home from school. This is based on guidelines from LA County Department of Public Health. If a child becomes sick during the day, they will be isolated from other children and must be picked up promptly. At a minimum, children must be fever free for 72 hours before returning to school.
- We will do our best to ensure your child feels safe, transitions smoothly, and adapts to the changes by keeping positive.
- Public health authorities are still learning about the spread and treatment of COVID-19 and are updating guidance and regulations on a regular basis. Accordingly, we expect that our procedures will change over time as we continue to adapt. While we believe that these measures will create a healthy environment for your children and our staff, we acknowledge that illness can still be transmitted despite our best efforts. We encourage each family to consider carefully the measures above, the health status and risks of each family member in your household, and other factors as you weigh the decision whether your child should return to school. If you have suggestions or if there are special circumstances that we should be aware of, please let us know.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email at awitbeck@longbeachchristianschools.org or call the office at (562) 430-6813.