

July 2021

COVID-19 Procedures - UPDATE

Thank you for your support and prayers during this last year. As we move into this next school year, our goal is to continue to provide a school environment that is healthy for your children and our staff.

As businesses and activities reopen, COVID-19 guidance for child care programs have been updated. After reviewing documents from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the State of California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the CDC, we have made the following changes to our daily procedures. Each staff member will follow these procedures 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 continue to be at the gate. Staff will meet parents/children at the gate during drop-off/pick-up times. Please ring the doorbell if a staff member is not present. To minimize the number of people on campus, we are requesting that parents and other visitors do not enter preschool at this time. We will re-evaluate this procedure in September, with the goal of allowing parents on campus once again.
- We are no longer required to take temperatures at the gate. Wellness checks are conducted each morning as parents sign in through the Brightwheel app. When checking in, parents must confirm that during the last 24 hours their child has had no sign of any of the following symptoms: temperature of over 100.4°, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell and no contact with COVID-19 in the last 10 days.
- Sign-in carts will be located outside the gate. Water bottles and lunch bags should be left on the sign-in cart.
- Face masks are **required** by CDPH in child care **indoor** settings. All children should bring a facemask to school each day and will be encouraged to wear it while **indoors**. Facemasks are not required for adults or children outdoors: on the playground or during drop-off/pick-up times.
- Your child will be grouped in a classroom with 12 children or less each day. During outside playtime, cohorts will be made up of 2 or 3 classes, which will be allowed to play together. Classes are combined before school (7:00am-8:00am) and late afternoons (5:00pm-6:00pm). Classes may be combined during naptime if there is low enrollment in each class.
- Personal items such as jackets and nap bags will be kept separated from others. All items, including pillows must fit inside provided nap bags.

- Furniture and play spaces are arranged so children will have more individual/small group activities, maintaining 3-foot separation as much as possible.
- Toys, tables, chairs, doorknobs, high traffic areas inside and outside will be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected regularly.
- Hands will be washed thoroughly at every transition through the day, including entry/exit of the facility, before and after eating and before and after playing on the playground.
- 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 guidance from California 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.

Public health authorities are continuing to learn 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 regarding your child's continued enrollment in 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.