

Emmanuel Faith Preschool Program Changes due to Covid-19

This plan has been created to inform families of changes made at Emmanuel Faith Preschool to comply with guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), CA Department of Public Health (CDPH), San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), and the San Diego County Childcare Licensing Division related to COVID-19. We want to assure you that the health and safety of our staff, children, and families is of the utmost importance as we return to school. We will continue to follow regulations put forth to us and keep you updated on new guidelines that are provided to us by the above agencies and at the local, state and federal level.

The following changes have been made:

- Health screening & temperature checks upon arrival
- Modified arrival and departure procedures
- Implementation of physical distancing strategies
- Intensified cleaning and disinfecting procedures
- Promotion of healthy hygiene practices

Health Screening, On Arrival:

a) Sick children and staff members are required to stay home and follow the Absences & Illness policy outlined on pg. 18 of the [Parent Handbook](#).

b) Face coverings must be worn upon arrival and may be removed once the health screen is complete. It is not a requirement for children to wear a face mask in class but we do recommend that they wear one upon arrival, and until they get to their classroom. If you require your child to wear a face covering, one must be provided by parents.

c) Anyone entering the facility will undergo a health screen including health related questions and a temperature check. This holds true for staff, children, parents, visitors, etc.

*There is a temporary restriction on school tours for prospective families and virtual tours will be offered upon request

d) If a staff member or a child exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, we will immediately isolate them from others and follow guidelines outlined by the HHS and other local and state organizations. [COVID-19 Symptom Decision Tree](#)

Modify Arrival & Departure Procedures:

- a) All arrivals enter through the front door of the lobby maintaining social distance from other families. We ask that one adult comes on site for drop off and pick up to avoid crowding.
- b) Staff will greet you in the lobby at a table and follow our health screening procedures. Parents will be asked to review the COVID-19 list of symptoms and verbally answer “No symptoms”. Then their child’s temperature will be taken.
- c) Once screening is completed and there are no health concerns, the parent will then sign the child in.
- d) Either the child’s teacher or a preschool staff member will then walk their child to the classroom. Parents may not go past the lobby glass doors.

Physical Distancing:

- a) Increased space between children when sitting at tables, and circle time.
- b) Teacher’s discretion regarding the activity. Children will be outside as much as possible (weather permitting).
- c) Children will be rotated between separate activity areas on the playground and during centers.
- d) Cots will be appropriately spaced during rest time and children will be staggered laying head to toe.

Daily Cleaning and Disinfection:

- a) Our classrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen are regularly deep cleaned and sanitized.
- b) Classrooms are cleaned and disinfected more frequently during the day.
- c) Doorknobs, light switches, bathroom sink handles, countertops, toilets, desks, chairs and cubbies are frequently cleaned.
- d) Cleaning materials are kept secure and out of reach of children.
- e) Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized have been removed. These include fabric toys, stuffed animals and blankets.

g) A container labeled “Soiled” will be placed indoors and outdoors to facilitate separation of clean and soiled toys. They will be cleaned and disinfected prior to reuse.

Hand Hygiene:

- a) All staff, children, parents and visitors will practice healthy hand hygiene.
- b) Soap and water for 20 seconds (singing happy birthday song) at each washing is recommended.
- c) Children will be encouraged to wash or sanitize more frequently, especially after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing, and before and after eating.
- d) Reminders posted indoors and outdoors

Personal Belongings - Please be sure to clearly label all belongings

- a) Sharing toys from home is temporarily suspended.
- b) Water will always be available to children. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles from home to use throughout the day.
- c) Parents will provide cot sheets, and blankets for their child on Monday and take home on Friday to launder.

Resources for Families:

[First 5 California](#)

[Zero to Three](#)

[CDC Talking with Children about Coronavirus](#)

[NASP Helping Children Cope With Changes Resulting from Covid](#)

[San Diego County COVID-19 for Child Care Services](#)