

Siloam Christian Preschool

COVID-19 Addendum (August, 2021)

Cleaning and Sanitizing:

The church custodian will clean each classroom thoroughly every evening (Monday-Thursday). Foggers and EPA approved disinfectants will be used. Chairs, tables and other work spaces will be cleaned, along with high touch areas (ie: door knobs and light switches). Teachers will use sanitizing wipes periodically to clean high-usage areas.

Arrival/Dismissal

Arrival and dismissal car lines will proceed as normal.

Face Masks/Shields

Masks or shields will not be required. Staff may wear shields/masks at their own discretion. The CDC does NOT advise that children under the age of 2 wear a face covering of ANY kind.

Classroom Procedures

Teachers will limit the mixing of classes during inside activities. Weekly music class will take place in the classrooms to avoid unnecessary contact. Classes may combine **outside** for recess and other structured activities.

Proper handwashing technique will be made a priority and will be required multiple times during each day. Teachers will spend time directly teaching personal space and etiquette for coughing/sneezing.

Additions to Illness Policy

During periods of moderate/high COVID-19 transmission, additional guidelines will be in place to minimize exposure.

After an illness, a student must be fever-free (without the use of medication) for **24 hours** in order to return to school. A doctor's note allowing the child to return will also be accepted.

If a household member tests positive for COVID-19, the student will be prohibited from returning to Siloam Christian Preschool for 10 days or until approved by a doctor.

Visitors

During periods of moderate/high COVID-19 transmission, visitors-including parents-will be limited.

For late arrivals or early dismissals, parents will need to call ahead and a staff member will meet them at the door.

Waivers

Families and staff will be asked to sign a “waiver of liability” at the beginning of the school year. This waiver acknowledges the personal responsibility and risks of possible COVID exposure and does not hold Siloam Christian Preschool or Siloam Baptist Church responsible for any such exposure.

Communications

All COVID-19 information and policies will be communicated to families and staff digitally, on the website, and as an addendum to the handbook. Announcements may be made through email or texts, as well as our Siloam Christian Preschool Facebook page.

Families will be notified of any positive COVID-19 cases identified in their child’s class.