

Early Childhood Guidance for Covid Prevention-In Person Learning

General

- Parkway Early Childhood Center Commons will be closed this year.
- Our toy lending and book lending library will be closed this year.
- New families will be offered the opportunity for a short tour of your students' classrooms on Oct 20 and 21. Your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a time. Any new families that enroll after these dates will be offered an in person or virtual tour, depending on the classroom. Families will need to make an appointment.
- All other building tours will only be offered virtually this year.
- Playgrounds will be for classroom use only and will be closed to the community this year.
- All meetings will take place virtually.

Arrival/Dismissal

- Arrival and Dismissal will take place outside this year. Teachers will communicate two areas to families that could take place depending on weather.
 - Assigned exterior door
 - Designated area outside
- All students and staff will need to complete [Daily Health Screening Tool](#) each day before coming to school
- In the event a student arrives to school with any symptoms on the [Student Symptom Decision Making Tree](#), the teacher or TA will ask the family to wait in their car, on the bus or step off to the side until a nurse can come assess your child.

Classroom Instruction

- Students will bring in individual supplies to stay at school this year. In addition, classroom teachers have supply lists for classroom supplies. You will receive a list of school supplies next week.
- Students will have individual sensory bins rather than community.
- We will provide increased outdoor learning time to ensure clean, fresh air.
- Fabric and cloth items will be removed from classrooms as they cannot be easily cleaned. Paper, cardboard, and books are fine to stay in rooms. Current research is showing the spread through surface contact is minimal and our focus should be on transmission through air.
- Teachers may consider limiting the toys/materials out in centers to ensure proper cleaning can happen.
- Water fountains will be closed this school year so students will be asked to bring a full and labeled water bottle each day.
- It is not a realistic expectation for our preschool students to remain 6 feet apart from each other at all times. If that is important to a family, they should choose the virtual option.
- Students will be allowed to share and touch the same toys during center time.
- Students will remain with the students in their room and will not mix with other classrooms as much as possible. There will be a few students who are dual enrolled in

general and special education or have special circumstances who are the exception to this rule.

- There will be a student capacity number assigned to each restroom which will be displayed on a poster outside of the restroom.
- There will only be one classroom on each playground or outdoor learning space at a time.
- Current research is showing that spread from preschool student to student or preschool student to staff is minimal. It's the adult to adult spread through air that we need to be most concerned with.
- Students may bring a backpack, lunchbox or nap towel/blanket to school. We ask families to limit items coming back and forth and to avoid cloth fabric with the exceptions listed above. Nap blankets for full day students should be stored in a large ziplock bag each day and will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed.
- Families should provide at least two masks in the event their child's mask becomes soiled during the day. Masks should also have the students name on it. A gallon size ziplock bag or paper bag will be used to store the student's mask when not being used. (snack, lunch, naptime).
- Students will have assigned seats for snack and or lunch. Classrooms will utilize additional tables for snack and lunch so children are as spread out as much as possible.

Handwashing and Hygiene

- All staff members will be asked to wear a face covering when in the building.
- The CDC recommends students ages two and above wear a face covering. Our students are encouraged to wear masks, but this will not be required if a student is unable to do so.
- Mask breaks can be taken when outside and standing more than 6 feet away from others.
- Mask breaks can also be taken to eat or drink while more than 6 feet away from others.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to each classroom and will be refilled at the end of each day. Hand sanitizer dispensers are also available at entry doors.
- All students and staff will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer:
 - upon arrival to school
 - before and after eating
 - After using the restroom
 - before and after playground
 - at least every two hours throughout the day

Increased Cleaning

- Teachers will spray surfaces and toys with a disinfectant in between classes and at the end of day.
- Custodians will disinfect surfaces and floors of classrooms at the end of the day.
- Custodians clean highly touched surfaces and bathrooms throughout the day.

Health Guidance

- All staff and students will complete a Daily Health Screener BEFORE coming to school. This is based on the honor system and the responsibility of the staff and family members to complete.
- Students and staff will be asked to go home if they display any symptoms upon arrival or throughout the school day.
- Designated staff members have been trained in contact tracing. You will be notified if your child may have been in touch with anyone who tested positive for covid.

Attendance

- All teachers will be required to take attendance in Infinite Campus by 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Nurses will be contacting families of students that are absent so they can provide guidance about when it is safe for them to return. For satellite sites, the nurse for that site will be contacting the family.
- Families will be provided an attendance hotline number and asked to call in prior to 9:30 or 1:30 and provide as much information as possible. This will assist our nurses in providing families guidance needed about when they can return.
- More information will be coming home soon including Attendance Hotline phone numbers.