

# Creative Preschool

## COVID 19 FAQ

With recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, guidance from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the CDC and other local and federal agencies, Creative Preschool has made changes to our daily practices to ensure we are caring for our students and community in the best way possible.

We have created this FAQ in an effort to keep parents and stakeholders as informed as possible. However, if you would like something clarified or have additional questions, please email Mrs. Goertemoeller (Mrs. G) at [creativepreschool@fuse.net](mailto:creativepreschool@fuse.net) or call her at 513-532-4104 (cell). There is no question too trivial! Please reach out!

### How will arrival and dismissal work?

- Children, staff and all helping parents will have their temperature taken and recorded using a contactless thermometer upon arrival; anyone who has a fever of 100.00 F or higher will be sent home.
- All adults entering the building will have their temperatures taken, wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Class arrival times have been staggered to allow for fewer children in the hallway.
- ARRIVAL: Children will be greeted at the school door by a staff member. After their temperature check and a quick hug from Mom or Dad, they will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member. Handwashing will take place in the classrooms.
- DISMISSAL: When two morning classes dismiss at the same time, one class will dismiss from the main entrance of school and the other will dismiss from the door closest to the playground. Parents will be asked to stand outside their designated pick-up door or by their car, socially distanced. Each child will be escorted to their grown up at dismissal.

### How will you keep interactions safe?

- Class sizes have been reduced to 9.
- Classes will not intermix.
- In order to properly practice social interactions, young children need to be able to read facial expression and verbally communicate with one another, because wearing a mask makes such interactions very difficult, children will not be required to wear a mask. If you wish to send your child in a mask, we recommend the gaiter style masks.
- While the Governor's current order requiring face masks is in place, all staff will wear masks. Understandably, teaching social skills ("look at my face and tell me how I feel"), oral language skills, phonics and phonemic awareness (rhyme, letter sounds, beginning sound identification) is done more effectively without masks. If the Governor's order is reversed, we will work with the Parent Board to determine if staff will discontinue wearing masks.
- Portable sinks have been purchased in order to ease restroom crowding, provide easy access to running hot water and so that teachers can supervise correct hand washing techniques. Children and staff will wash their hands upon arrival and at dismissal, after using the restroom, before and after eating snack and whenever they come in contact with bodily fluids.
- Hand sanitizer will be used when appropriate.
- Field trips have been temporarily canceled.
- Specials are still planned, but may be implemented differently.

### How will materials and spaces be cleaned?

- Before each class enters a space, surfaces will be cleaned and then disinfected.
- Careful consideration will be made to the number and type of community materials and toys made available to the group. Shared toys will be sanitized between classes.
- To help limit the number of shared materials, we are asking that each student bring his/her own pencil box with supplies. Please see the attached school supply list.
- As in the past, the school will be cleaned and disinfected once more every evening. Added daily procedures, such as sanitization of door handles, bathroom stall handles, etc. will be added to our cleaning routine.

### **How will snack be handled?**

- As in the past, the child helper will bring snack and drink on their special day.
- The tables used for snack will be cleaned, then disinfected with a food safe cleaner immediately before snack is served.
- To limit the handling of food, prepackaged, individual snacks and drinks are requested.
- Parent helpers will wear gloves and will only allow the child helper to “direct” snack set up, not touch any snack items.

### **What happens if a child has a fever?**

- Any child or adult with a fever over 100.00 F will not be permitted to enter the school. Should a child develop a fever during the school day, he/she will require immediate pick up from school.
- Should a child develop a fever during school, he/she will be removed from the class, asked to wear a mask and will be taken to Mrs. G’s office to await immediate pick up from school.
- When appropriate, the ill child and an adult will await pick up outside school.
- No sick child may return to the program until fever-free, without the use of fever reducing medication, for at least 48 hours.

### **What happens if there is a positive COVID case in my child’s class?**

- In accordance with guidelines from the CDC and ODJFS, the infected child must quarantine for 14 days.
- The classroom(s) of the infected child will undergo a deep cleaning.
- Families in the school will be notified in writing of any reported COVID case.
- Creative’s Director will file a report with our licensing body.
- Creative’s Director will work with the Health Department to determine the best course of action. We have been informed by our licensing specialist that action steps are being determined on a case-by-case basis but may include a class wide quarantine for up to 14 days.

### **What happens if local school districts close or go to full time remote learning?**

- Creative Preschool is in a unique situation. We are governed by day care law but function on a school schedule. In the event that local school districts are ordered to close or make the decision to go to fully virtual classrooms, the Parent Board would work with school staff to determine the best course of action.