



Miss Sandie's School

Site-Specific Protection Plan

This Site-specific Protection Plan outlines our new policies and procedures. Social distancing with young children is a challenging effort. However, the guidelines in this plan aim to keep children and teachers safe and healthy, while ensuring children are in a nurturing and responsive environment.

These guidelines and considerations are based on the best available public health data at this time, and the practical realities of managing a child care program; as new data and practices emerge, the plan will be updated.



CLEANING PRACTICES

- We will introduce fresh, outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors. When using air conditioning, the setting that brings in fresh air will be used.
- We will perform an enhanced professional cleaning every night when children are not present, especially on touched surfaces.
- Staff will regularly disinfect high touch surfaces, such as sink knobs, toilet handles, tables and door handles.
- High touch areas in outdoor play yards will also be cleaned between classroom use.
- Toys and activities that need to be cleaned will be set aside in a bin, then sanitized before being returned to the classroom. Items put in a child's mouth will also be cleaned and sanitized.
- Children will wash their hands and use paper towels to dry their hands thoroughly before and after meals, when coming inside from the playground, after using the bathroom and as needed throughout the day.



HYGIENE

- We will use handwashing guidelines for all staff/children: 1) Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap, 2) Rub during application, and 3) Use paper towels to dry hands thoroughly.
- Children (and staff) will wash their hands immediately upon entering the school, and multiple times throughout the day (e.g., before and after meals, after playground use).
- For children age 2 and up, hand washing will be the suggested practice; however, hand sanitizer will be used when a sink is not immediately available. Children under 2 years old will wash their hands and will not use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be kept out of the reach of children.
- To the extent possible, we will teach children to avoid contact with one's eyes, nose and mouth, and use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside their elbow.

- All personal items will be labeled and kept in a separate bag in the child's cubby to ensure personal items are separate from others. Stuffed animals and lovies should be kept at home.
- Nap time bedding (crib sheet and 1 blanket-only) will be kept in each child's cubby or labeled bin. All sheets and blankets need to be labeled with your child's name in Sharpie. Cots/mats will also be labeled with each child's name. All bedding will be brought home by the parent at the end of the week for washing.



ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Children and staff may not come to school or enter the school if having any signs or symptoms of Covid-19, any signs of illness or if exposed to Covid-19. Parents, children and staff should do self-checks at home before coming to school.
- Parents will be asked to help ensure that drop-off visits are brief and allow others in line an efficient and timely check-in/out process.
- Families will be greeted by staff outside of the school gate at the sign in/out table.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times by all persons 12 years or older in line. Children age 2 years or older are encouraged to wear face coverings. Children 0 to 2 years are not allowed to wear face coverings.
- When in line, maintain 6-foot distance from others in line.
- Parents/Guardians will check the child in and out using a QR Code on their wireless phones.
- Parents/caregivers/visitors are not to enter the school. Instead, students will be escorted to their classroom by school staff. For pick-up, again, parents/caregivers will not enter the school. Instead, the child will be brought to the parent/caregiver by school staff.



HEALTH SCREENING

- At the sign-in table in front of the school a staff member will greet you and your child. We are so excited to see you all! The staff member will perform a quick Health Check.

Step 1 – Visual Evaluation: Staff will conduct a visual inspection of the child to check for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, cough, rash, runny nose, glossy eyes or extreme fussiness, and confirm that the child is not experiencing coughing or shortness of breath.

Step 2 – Wellness Check (Survey): Using an app on their phone, the parent/caregiver will be asked to confirm that the child does not have symptoms and has not been exposed to Covid-19. They will also be asked if the child has received fever reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol) in the past 24 hours. Those who answer yes will not be able to attend.

Step 3 – Temperature Taken: Before entering the school (& prior to parent departing), all children will have their temperature taken by school staff using a no-touch thermometer. Those with a fever of 100.4 or higher, or other signs of illness, will not be allowed to enter the school. Similarly, staff will have their temperature taken and will be sent home if they have a fever.

Step 4 – Hand Wash: A staff member will escort the child to class where they will first wash their hands.

Ongoing: Staff and children will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness. They will be sent home if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, or any other symptoms of illness. The child will be kept away from other students until their parents pick them up. Parents must consult their pediatrician immediately and follow our illness policy guidelines.



CLASSROOM SPACE/PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Taking advantage of nice weather and our many, spacious play yards, we will spend lots of time outside in the fresh air. Playground time will be staggered to reduce the number of children in the same area. We will clean outdoor play equipment between use by different groups of children.
- It is important to comfort crying, sad, and/or anxious infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and they often need to be held. To the extent possible, when washing, feeding, or holding very young children: Staff will protect themselves by washing their hands often and changing clothes if they become soiled. Each child will have a few changes of clothes on site to change into if their clothing becomes contaminated.



MEAL TIMES

- Both students and staff (while preparing lunches) will practice proper handwashing before and after eating.
- **IMPORTANT:** Children will bring **ALL** food, meals and snacks. Miss Sandie's will not be providing snacks.
- Surfaces (counters, tables) will be disinfected before and after meals. Infant bottles (e.g., caps, nipples etc.), sippy cups, plates, silverware will be cleaned by dishwashers.