

March 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope to find you doing well and healthy. We at Covenant understand child care is particularly important and must be available for our medical workers, first responders, and others serving vital functions during this public health emergency, as well as for those who cannot work from home or do not have other child care options. It is important, however, to note that by Governor Ivey's Orders, schools were closed in an effort to prevent the coronavirus from spreading. We are going to reopen Covenant Preschool and Childcare beginning Monday, March 30, with very specific conditions that will be implemented in order to help these workers. These necessities are being put into place to help keep your child, your family, and our staff healthy.

These guidelines are as follows:

- Each class will have 2 teachers: 1 caregiver and 1 cleaner
- All classes will be limited to 8 children. Infants, Explorers, and Tiny Tots will have no more than 5 children.
- All toys and other items handled by children will be sanitized after each use.
- Children in our 1A, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3PA, 3PB, 4PA, and 4PB classrooms will participate in outdoor play 2 times per day. This will replace any scheduled gym times.
- The playground will be thoroughly cleaned by 1 of the 2 teachers in each class after every play time.
- All rooms will be cleaned by both teachers during nap times and at the end of each day.
- Hard surfaces including door knobs, door casings, restrooms, changing tables, cabinets, and other areas commonly touched every hour.
- Hand washing will be required upon arrival by EVERYONE and every 30-45 minutes in addition to previous mandatory times.
- Children will be encouraged to play alongside each other, at a distance, with as limited contact with each other as possible.
- Children will be placed apart at tables or eating areas during snack and lunch times.
- Teachers are to only enter their assigned rooms during scheduled times
- All classes will be located on the first floor of the children's wing
- Any child who develops a fever of 100 degrees or is coughing or sneezing due to oncoming illness must be picked up with 30 minutes of guardian contact.
- All guardians must provide an updated list of phone numbers in which immediate contact is made.
- Children are to bring pre-plated meals from home. No lunches will be prepared on site until further notice.
- Drinks for children (excluding infants and explorers) are to be pre-packaged items such as boxed juice, capri sun are allowed.
- Soft play toys are only to be used in the infant, explorer, and tiny tots' rooms and must be played with by only 1 child. After each use, toys will be placed in the specified location and cleaned/sanitized daily.
- We have ordered nap mats that are easy to clean for our center. They will be in soon, but until then, please continue sending your child's daily. The nap mats will be sent home daily until the others arrive. Please wash them as often as you can. We will continue to use the center provided nap mats until further notice.

- No car seats will be left school.

Upon arrival, the following will be completed:

- No one (including parents) will be allowed throughout the building except children and staff
- All children will be dropped off at the office, with a teacher taking the children to class
- A health check (using CDC guidelines) on child and family member

Any person who meets any of the following criteria through verbal survey will be excluded:

1. Do you have a fever of 100 degrees or higher? Temperatures will be checked.
 2. Have you had any respiratory infection, or have had a cough, sneezing regularly, had shortness of breath, or low-grade fever?
 3. In the previous 14 days, have you had any contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness?
 4. In the previous 14 days, have you traveled on a cruise or internationally to countries with widespread, sustained community transmission?
- Again, temperature checks will be required for all children and staff upon arrival with a no-touch thermometer. No person with a temperature 100 or higher will be allowed to stay on site.
 - 1 adult family member is to drop off or pick up child
 - Children will be excluded upon arrival based upon the CDC guidelines
 - Handwashing will be required by children and staff immediately upon arrival
 - No car drop off or pick up will be scheduled until further notice
 - A child that has had a fever will not be able to stay until he or she is fever free WITHOUT the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, etc.) for a minimum of 72 hours.

Please know, these precautions are not optional. We are doing our best to continue providing the best care for your children and keeping everyone healthy! Once your child returns, guardians will be required to sign a release of liability in case any child becomes ill while at Covenant Preschool and Childcare/Covenant United Methodist Church. Lastly, keep in mind state and government orders take priority. At any time, we could be told to close again, and will keep you updated with any changes that take place.

If you are planning on your child returning Monday, please let me know immediately by responding through Remind or sandi@covenantdothan.org

Praying for Everyone's Health!

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