

All First Pres Nursery School COVID-19 policies and procedures were developed based on information from the CDC and SCDHEC regarding these 4 actions: promoting behavior to reduce spread, maintaining healthy environments, maintaining healthy operations, and preparing for when someone becomes sick.

What are the enhanced health and safety procedures?

- More frequent hand washing
- Limiting people entering the building
- Reducing student to teacher ratios
- Temperature checks for children and staff
- Increased sanitation of all shared spaces, items and toys used
- Limited cross contamination between classrooms
- Masks will be worn when appropriate social distancing isn't possible
- Requiring any children or staff with respiratory illness symptoms to return home and stay home until they are symptom free and/or fever free for at least 72 hours.

When children arrive, what can you expect?

You will park and walk your child in through the main church office door. One parent/guardian will be allowed at drop-off and pick-up. Enter through the nursery door near the FPNS office. Once you reach your child's classroom, your child's temperature will be checked, then you will hand your child and the child's belongings to the teacher at the door. No parents will be allowed in the classroom. Your child's hands will be washed upon arrival. The parent will exit at the opposite end of the nursery hallway and then head back out of the building the same way he/she entered. *Remember only one parent/guardian is allowed to enter at drop off and pick up.

By bringing your child to FPNS each day, you are answering "No" to each question on the COVID Health Questionnaire (located on the last page).

Will the staff wear masks?

Staff are required to wear masks when appropriate social distancing is not possible.

Will the children be required to wear masks?

Children will not be required to wear masks. The CDC and DHEC prohibit children under the age of two from wearing face coverings, along with those that have breathing issues, special needs, anxieties related to wearing a face covering or those that cannot remove the face cover themselves.

How will the shared spaces be cleaned?

We will not use cloth toys and toys that cannot be cleaned/sanitized easily. All remaining toys and classroom supplies will be cleaned with soap and water then sanitized and disinfected at the end of each day. We will follow the CDC and DHEC guidelines for this. If toys are put in a child's mouth, they will be cleaned immediately following use. Shared spaces, such as the playground and buggies will be cleaned between classes and at the end of the day. We will leave toys and fixtures in each room so there is no cross-contamination between classes. Additional cleaning will take place, as needed throughout camp hours. Laundry (bibs, bedding, blankets, washcloths) is done at the end of each day. These items are never shared between children.

Children or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should be excluded from childcare if they have:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches
- Chills
- New or worsening cough

What happens when someone gets sick?

We will review the situation at hand to determine if the child or staff member was in the facility when contagious. Tracing will begin 3 days prior to onset of symptoms, positive test and/or last time a child or staff was in the facility.

- Anyone who spent 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of the case during their contagious period is considered a close contact.
- FPNS will notify parents of children in the facility that are determined to be close contacts and instructed on how to proceed.
- Individuals who were in close contact can be tested or self quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with the case. Individuals need to wait at least 3 days past time of exposure to be tested accurately.
- The classroom with the confirmed case will close for additional cleaning and disinfection before it can be used again.
- Additional FPNS parents will be notified of the positive case in our facility and encouraged to monitor their children's symptoms.
- The positive case must provide documentation from their doctor in order to return to FPNS after the quarantine period.

When is it safe to return to FPNS?

- Children or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause. Documentation from the doctor is required to return.
- Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and persons with symptoms of COVID-19 (see list above) should isolate until: Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started and are fever free for 3 days (72 hours) without taking medicine to reduce fever and overall improvement in symptoms.
- Those who test positive but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of child care until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.
- Children or staff that are not tested, must complete the current isolation criteria (14 days) for COVID-19 to return to childcare.

Summary of Actions in Response to COVID-19 Case:

1. If notified of a case, the child or staff member will not be allowed to attend FPNS until their quarantine period is complete.
2. Determine if the case was contagious while in the facility.
 - a. If no, then no further action needed
 - b. If yes, identify and inform all close contacts, plan to close down all areas affected until cleaning is complete, begin monitoring symptoms of children and staff not considered close contacts

What are the financial implications if a class closing or school closing occurs?

- If a class must close in order to be cleaned and disinfected due to COVID-19, tuition *will not* be reimbursed for that closure.
- If the class closure extends past 2 days, tuition will suspend and reimbursements will be made.
- If FPNS must close due to COVID-19 related circumstances, tuition for the duration of closure will be suspended and credits will be made.
- No Make Up days will be allowed from August through December. This will be re-evaluated in January based on COVID-19 conditions.

*These policies and procedures are subject to change at any time during the 2020-2021 FPNS school year.

You can obtain additional information regarding health and safety procedures on the [CDC Coronavirus Info](#) page as well as the [SCDHEC Coronavirus Info](#) page.

Question:	If No:	If Child is Yes:	If Child is No, but Household Member is Yes
Has anyone in your household had fever of over 100.0 in the last 48 hours?	Child cleared for entry	Deny Entry: Keep child home until all household members have been fever free for 48 hours.	Deny Entry: Keep child home until all household members have been fever free for 48 hours.
Has your child received Tylenol or Ibuprofen in the last 8 hours?	Child cleared for entry	Note time of administration and reason for administration, then monitor child's temperature every 2 hours throughout day.	N/A
In the previous 14 days has anyone in your household traveled internationally or on a cruise?	Child cleared for entry	Deny Entry: Keep child home for 14 days after return home.	Monitor child's temperature every 2 hours.
In the previous 14 days has anyone in your household had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or is under investigation for COVID-19?	Child cleared for entry	Deny Entry: Keep child home for 14 days after exposure	Monitor child's temperature every 2 hours.
Has anyone in your household had Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?	Child cleared for entry	If all other answers are NO: Monitor child's temperature every 2 hours. If any other answer was YES: Deny entry until symptom free for 48 hours.	If all other answers are NO: Monitor child's temperature every 2 hours. If any other answer was YES: Deny entry until symptom free for 48 hours.