

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION PLAN FOR HARMONY PRESCHOOL

In an effort to prevent the spread of illness at Harmony Preschool, the following steps have been implemented starting Monday, March 9, 2020.

SANITIZING SCHEDULE

Doorknobs, counters, tables, light switches, and sinks will be sanitized daily following Idaho Health and Welfare regulations. Bathrooms will be deep cleaned on Monday and Thursday. We will continue using disposable plates, cups, utensils, and paper towels that are thrown away after one personal use in a no-touch trash can.

HANDWASHING METHOD

Preschoolers will be taught a handwashing method that ensures all parts of the hand are washed and washed for an appropriate amount of time. Students are required to wash their hands upon arrival and before snack time. We will also be asking your child to wash at any time where we see concern for spread of germs (ex. sneezing into hand).

CDC GUIDELINES

The Center for Disease Control has provided Harmony Preschool with a list of guidelines that we are being asked to follow:

- * The preschool will be open for preschoolers and teachers. Parents and other visitors can converse with the teacher in the front yard before and after class.
- * Teachers will wear masks whenever possible.
- * Students will spread out every other chair during snack time. There will be no shared serving spoons, pitchers of water, etc.
- * As much as possible, each child will have her/his own supplies and sensory bins.
- * Only toys that can be sanitized at the end of the preschool day will be in use in our classrooms.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- 1) Prepare your child that we may ask her/him to **wash their hands** more frequently and not at our routine times. Please ask your child to be agreeable with this. Preschoolers are very driven by schedule and they can be confused when asked to do something out of our normal routine.
- 2) Please **DO NOT** send your child to preschool if they are **exhibiting any cold or covid symptoms**, if they have had a fever in the past 24 hours, or if anyone in your home currently has COVID-19. For example, if your preschooler's fever broke at 2:00 pm on Monday, please do not send them to preschool for class on Tuesday morning. If your child becomes COVID positive, a 14-day quarantine will be necessary before returning to preschool. If someone in your home becomes COVID positive, please keep your child home from preschool until your home has been COVID-free for 14 days.
- 3) If your **child comes to preschool exhibiting symptoms**, we will send them home at the door or call you to come pick them up if you have already left.
- 4) If your **child gets sick while we are having class**, we have been asked by CDH to isolate your child and place a mask on him/her. We have some fun masks with cool stickers on them at the preschool that your child will like.
- 5) Please tell us **if anyone in your family has been diagnosed with influenza or COVID-19**. This is so important! We will report it to Central District Health, but both the CDC and our preschool are required to keep your name confidential. If a student or student's immediate family member is confirmed to have influenza or COVID-19, we will notify all Harmony families by email THE DAY we are informed. As noted earlier, we will keep all names confidential.

- 6) Travel is one of the most significant ways that coronavirus is spreading. **If your family travels to an area with a serious COVID-19 outbreak**, please consider incubating your family for a few days afterwards. Please consider how you would feel if you were one of the other families at the preschool. The median incubation period for coronavirus is 5.1 days and 97.5% will develop symptoms by 11.5 days.

INDIVIDUAL OR SCHOOL DISMISSALS

If Central District Health were to recommend or require that one student not attend or recommend that we close our facility for a given amount of days, our virtual preschool, Harmony at Home, will be provided as an optional educational alternative for families who are interested.

COVID-19 LIABILITY

If attending Harmony Preschool, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending Harmony Preschool, your student and family voluntarily assumes all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agrees not to hold Harmony Preschool, or Michelle Hutchings, liable for any illness or injury caused by exposure to COVID-19.