

Beth David Preschool
Updated Guidelines Re: Covid 19
As of May 25, 2020

In accordance with the CDC, Orange County Health Department, and state licensing guidelines, Beth David Preschool will be implementing new policies and procedures to help stop the spread of Covid-19. These policies will be in place until further notice.

Health Screenings

Upon arrival, a staff member will conduct a health screening of all children, parents, and staff. This will include using a non touch thermometer to check for any fever (100.4 or higher,) and a series of questions regarding the child's recent health status. The health screening will be done outside of the gate before entry onto school grounds. While waiting in line for your health screening, please respect physical distancing guidelines by standing 6 feet apart from the family ahead of you. All staff are subject to daily health screenings as well.

Drop off and Pick Up

Only one parent or guardian will be permitted onto school grounds at a time to limit the number of people in the building. Ideally, the same parent or guardian will drop off and pick up the student each day. It is recommended that grandparents or parents with underlying health conditions should not pick up children because they are more at risk for severe illness with covid-19. Siblings are permitted only if there is no other parent or guardian to care for them during drop off and pick up. Each child/parent will undergo a health screening upon arrival at our main gate. This will include siblings if they accompany. After a child has passed the health screening, a staff member will monitor the number of families entering the building between 8:30 and 9:30. Parents will sign their children in with the staff member outside of the building after the health screening. Any parents arriving before 8:30 or after 9:30 will sign their child in outside without the presence of a staff member. Children may not arrive before 8:45 if they have not enrolled in a full day schedule. If this happens, they will be asked to wait outside until 8:45. This is due to staffing limitations we will have set in place.

Parents are encouraged to bring their own pens for sign in/out. Parents and children are required to immediately walk to the restroom and wash their hands upon entering the building. Following handwashing, children should be quickly dropped off into their classrooms and parents should immediately exit the building to allow other parents to drop their children off. **Children will be dropped off into their classrooms, not Ms. Susan's classroom. This is for all hours of the day.** Parents will exit the

building not through the door in which they entered, but instead the door at the end of the hallway near the Pre-K class. This is to limit cross exposure between families.

During pickup, a staff member will monitor the number of families entering the building at 12:30 and at 2:30. The sign out sheet will be outside for parents to sign out, just as it was in the morning. Any parent picking up after 2:30 will sign their child out outside as well, without the presence of a staff member. Parents are required to immediately wash their hands upon arrival. After parents have picked up their child, children should wash their hands before exiting the building. Parents should exit the building near the Pre-K classroom, just as in the morning. All limitations have been set in place for the protection of the children.

Sick Policy- Staff and Children

According to the OC Health Department:

-All county residents who know that they have been in close contact, with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 shall take the following actions:

a) Quarantine themselves in their home or another residence until 14 days from the last date that they were in close contact with a person that has been diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19.

-All county residents who have been diagnosed with or are likely to have COVID-19, as defined below, shall immediately isolate themselves in their home or another residence under the following criteria, as applicable:

a) Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms shall isolate themselves until: (i) at least 3 days (72 hours) after they have recovered, meaning their fever has resolved without use of fever-reducing medications and their respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved; AND (ii) at least 10 days has elapsed from when their symptoms first appeared.

b) Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 PCR laboratory test result and are without COVID-19 symptoms shall isolate themselves for 10 days from the date when the specimen for the positive COVID-19 PRC laboratory test result was obtained.

Children, staff, and parents who have exhibited symptoms of Covid-19 in the past 14 days will not be allowed to enter school grounds. Symptoms of Covid-19 include: fever, diarrhea, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and/or smell and coughing. If a child or staff member tests positive for covid-19, they may return to school 72 hours after all symptoms have disappeared. We will also be requiring a note from the child or staff member's doctor that they have been cleared to return to school. Children and staff will be screened daily for fever, which is anything higher than 100.4. Parents are required to inform staff if they have given their child any fever reducing medications in the last 24 hours. If a child becomes sick while at school, a parent will

be notified immediately and the child will be isolated from the general population with a staff member until a parent picks them up. If this happens, children **must be picked up as soon as possible**. Children who have exhibited signs of any other non-respiratory illness can return to school 24 hours later.

Face Coverings

All parents will be required to wear face coverings during drop off and pick up. Children are not required to wear face coverings. Staff will be required to wear coverings during drop off and pickup times.

Sanitation and Cleaning Procedures

Just as before, all tables will be disinfected with a bleach solution or Clorox wipes before and after children eat or play at them. Dress up clothes and stuffed animals will be temporarily kept away. Only toys that can be cleaned and sanitized daily will be out for play. If a child puts a toy into his or her mouth, it will be removed from play until the next day. Chairs will be sanitized daily. Bathroom fixtures and doors will be sanitized after each class use. Diapering areas are cleaned and sanitized after each child is changed and gloves are always worn. Nap mats will be cleaned after each use. There will be hand sanitizer located at the entryway of the building on top of the parent mailboxes, and also in the office. Hand sanitizer is not a substitute for handwashing. At minimum, children and staff will be required to wash their hands upon entering the building, before and after eating snacks and lunch, after each bathroom use or assisting a child in the bathroom, after outside play, after sanitizing play areas and tables, and before leaving the school.

Toys/materials in the classroom

All toys that cannot be washed and sanitized daily will be removed from the classroom. This includes but is not limited too: dress up, toys and play food made from fabric, stuffed animals, playdough, and any other sensory bin materials.

Snacks

Parents will now be responsible for providing snacks for their children. Please pack a cracker and fruit for your child to enjoy during our 10am snack time, and a cracker and fruit for the 3pm snack time (if your child stays for afternoon care.) Please pack more than you think your child might need. We will have an emergency stash of single serve items for snacks, but may not be able to provide enough if too many children need it on any given day.

New Classroom Capacity Limits

New licensing guidelines state that each classroom cannot have more than 10 children in a room. Children will not be switching between classrooms or between teachers of other classrooms whenever possible.

Social Distancing in the Classroom

Beth David will do our best to encourage children to practice social distancing. During circle time, lunch and snack time, children will be spaced apart. Children will be reminded to give their classmates space when walking in line and during free play. Parents are asked to talk to children about the importance of social distancing, keeping our hands on our own body, and limiting hugs between friends and teachers.

Volunteers and Funtimes

We will not be utilizing any parent volunteers, interns, or helpers for the time being. We must also suspend all Funtimes due to new classroom capacity limits (see above.) Children will be offered more outdoor play instead of Funtimes.

Personal Items

All personal toys must be kept at home. Extra clothes and nap items must be kept in separate bags in the child's cubby. Nap items must be taken home every Friday for wash, or more often if a parent sees fit.

Outdoor Play

To support new classroom capacity limits and staff interactions between groups of children, outdoor play will be staggered according to the classroom. For example, children in Pre-K will not be outside at the same time as children in the 2-3 year old class. This will also be the case for children who stay for afternoon care.

Naps and Afternoon Care

Nap mats will be spaced 6 feet apart. When possible, the child will stay in their primary classroom to nap and play after nap is over. Nap mats will be cleaned daily. Nap sheets should be taken home every Friday. Children's sleeping buddies are still permitted but must be kept in the child's cubby if not being used for nap time. Children's outdoor play will be staggered just as it was in the morning.

Social Events

We cannot host any large gatherings until further notice.

School Closures

In the event a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, the health department and all families will be informed. If the health department advises, we may have to close the school or the classroom the child was in for a period of time to make sure there is no spread, disinfect, and to support tracking and tracing of the infected. This may happen for a period of 24-48 hours.

Liability Waiver

All parents/guardians must sign and return a COVID-19 liability waiver before enrollment can begin, as well as the following page of these guidelines. Failure to return either will delay your child's enrollment. Waiver and guidelines must be signed by each parent.

Acknowledgement of Beth David Preschool Covid-19 Guidelines

I, _____ have read and agree to all new guidelines set in place by Beth David Preschool. I understand that failure to abide by these guidelines will result in delay of enrollment, suspension, or expulsion from the school. I understand that these measures have been put into place to protect myself, my child, and all staff members of Beth David Preschool.

Child's name _____

Parent's signature (1) _____

Parent's signature (2) _____

Date (1) _____

Date (2) _____