

Beth David Preschool
Covid-19 Guidelines
As of December 1, 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 daily health screenings as well.

Drop off and Pick Up

At this time, we are not allowing any parents or guardians in the school buildings unless **absolutely necessary**. Parents will walk their children to the school gates, where a staff member will take their temperature and parents will acknowledge the health screening questions. If a parent answers "yes" to anyone questions, the child shall not be permitted to enter school that day. Pre-K families will walk their child through the gates and down to the second door near their classroom. The teacher or teacher aid will help bring the child and their things into the building while the child's parent or guardian waits outside. All other families will say their "goodbyes" at the gate and the staff member will walk the child into the school building to drop off their things and assist them in washing their hands.

At pickup time, a staff member will be waiting outside for you to arrive. Once you are at the gate, the staff member will go inside the school building and bring the child out. Pre-K families will still walk down to the second door by their classroom, where they will wait until the teacher brings out the child.

Parents will use the Procure app to sign their child in and out with a QR scanner.

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 major symptoms have disappeared. 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.

If any adult or sibling living in the child's home tests positive for COVID-19, it should be assumed the child attending school also has it. The child must follow all COVID-19 quarantine protocols and must stay home until the parent or sibling is symptom free for 72 hours.

Face Coverings

Staff will be required to wear coverings at all times. Children are not required to wear face coverings, but may do so if they wish.

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.

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 the inability to mix classrooms and teachers. 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 reduce 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.

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.

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) _____