

2021-2022 Covid Policy Update

We are committed to providing the best care and educational experience for your children while being compliant and aware of the ever-changing Covid-19 situation. We appreciate your patience and positivity as we best navigate the year.

Please read the statements below regarding our current plan and policy. We reserve the right to change and update sections as needed. Changes will be communicated to all families.

CLEANING, COHORTS & CLEANLINESS

We will continue cleaning and sanitizing surfaces, toys and supplies.

Students will remain in their own classes and have designated time on the playground and gym separated from other classes.

Students will wash hands upon entering the classroom, before and after eating, after gym/outside, and/or if they have had their hands in their eyes, nose, mouth or in any way transmitted germs into them. Hand sanitizer is available if a sink is not accessible.

MASKS

Our intent is to not require the wearing of masks as we move forward. Anyone choosing to wear a mask or shield will be supported in their personal choice to do so. If the federal government requires all people to wear masks inside, we will likely comply.

ENTERING THE BUILDING

Adults are allowed to enter the building at dismissal time. Adults will remain in the halls and follow a traffic flow. We will reintroduce on-site field trip and in-class parent activities as we are able.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Students and staff that meet the criteria of COVID-like symptoms will need to be out of school, along with any siblings enrolled, until: a medical provider provides a different diagnosis, a negative COVID test is received, or the individual has met the quarantine guidelines provided by the CDC, MDH or current law.

Students and staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be asked to quarantine, along with their enrolled siblings, based on current CDC and MDH guidelines.

We will follow current guidelines for exposure scenarios by using the CDC and MDH Decision Tree. The Director will advise on each case which path to follow on the MDH Decision Tree.

We will notify families of any confirmed cases in the center and will also notify families if it affects the classroom they are enrolled in. Berean Preschool reserves the right to close a classroom due to an illness outbreak, however, closing of classrooms will not be an automatic response to a positive case at this time. Every case will be handled on an individual basis. We respect each family's choice to self-quarantine due to contact tracing.

The decision to close a section of the school will be made by the Preschool Director and the Board of Directors. We will follow the most recent guidelines outlined by the CDC and MDH.

As stated in our Parent Handbook, there are no refunds or deductions on tuition if your child is absent due to illness. The Berean Preschool Board will advise on tuition reimbursement if a class needs to close multiple times.

VACCINATION

Berean Preschool will honor the personal choice in vaccination of all staff and parents. We will not be disclosing the vaccination status of our staff.