

ADDENDUM TO BETHANY CDC PARENT HANDBOOK REGARDING COVID

The information contained within this document supersedes all other written information for the 2021-2022 school year.

1) Teacher Covid Training

- a) All teachers have taken the state-mandated training provided by the Texas A&M Ag site and have certificate proof on file.
- b) We will adhere to all CDC safety policies.

2) All families will sign and adhere to the Covid-19 Policy the school has distributed.

3) Pick Up/Drop Off Procedures

- a) Pick up and drop off will be staggered. Please refer to the Drop Off/Pick Up document for more details.
- b) Parents will not be allowed into the building at drop/off & pick up in order to lower the chances of spreading Covid or Delta variant.
- c) Parents must be masked at drop off and pick up.
- d) Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- e) Siblings will be dropped off together and extra helpers will be in place to run them to their teachers

4) Parent Building Entry Protocol

- a) When possible, let office know ahead of time so we can be available to let you in.
- b) Go to the entry near Nelson Hall and ring the bell.
- c) Place face mask over your mouth and nose.
- d) Please note that entry into the building will be limited to parents needing to take care of paperwork or payments. Visits to the classroom will not be allowed during the pandemic.

5) All teachers will wear face masks in the classrooms, halls and at drop off/pick up.

6) Face Covering Policy for Children

- a) Children in Preschool 2's, all 3's, Young 4's and Pre-K are required to wear a face mask until the risk is at a lower level.
- b) Masks must be put on as soon as the children enter school.
- c) Children are allowed to remove masks for napping, eating and outside play.

7) Pods

- a) Each class is considered a 'pod'.
- b) The State of Texas uses this terminology and explains that it is similar to "families."
- c) Like families who share the same air, the pods will stick together and not blend with other pods who have different exposures.

8) Do's and Don'ts of Play Items

- a) We DO allow children to use play dough - designated for each child, sandbox/outdoor toys, plastic dress up items, classroom toys, art supplies (PS 3's & up will provide each child with their own personal box of supplies since they use them more often) and any special lesson-related items that have been properly sanitized.
- b) We DO NOT allow children to eat from one another's snack or lunch area or use cloth dress up clothes.

9) Symptomatic/Sick Child Policy

With an awareness of the risks posed by Covid-19, any child exhibiting any of the following symptoms should be removed from the class/group and taken to the isolation room. Office Personnel will take over the care of the child: A negative PCR Covid test will be required to return to school. If diagnosis is other than Covid, a note from the physician is required to return.

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| -Suspected Fever | -Sore Throat | -Diarrhea | -Loss of taste or smell |
| -Cough | -Shortness of breath | -Lethargic, tired | -Chills |
| -Muscle Aches | -Headache | -Respiratory issues | |

10) Confirmed Case Procedures

- CONFIDENTIALITY IS IMPERATIVE. We will be completely confidential regarding the reporting process.
- Any classroom with a confirmed case will be completely disinfected.
- Dallas County Health Department will provide a course of action suited to our specific circumstances, which will direct us as to what action we will take.
- Although we follow RISD for most of our closures (i.e. weather, holidays), we will consider all information available before following neighborhood schools or district decisions related to Covid closures.

11) IMPORTANT:

- If anyone in your household is symptomatic with common Covid symptoms (fever over 100, new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, etc.) and your symptoms are getting worse after a day please seek medical help. Children can only return if they are symptom free (48 hours fever free without medication & have been cleared by a doctor.)

COVID EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:

- If your child has had close contact for longer than 15 minutes with someone who later tested positive, we ask that you test your child (PCR test) 5 days after the exposure.
- The child may return to school after 7 days with a negative PCR test.
- If you choose not to test, the child may return after 10 days from the initial exposure and if they are symptom free.

The Bethany office must be notified if anyone in the household or anyone in close contact within the last 14 days tests positive for Covid-19. We will advise you on protocol.