



## **Health and Safety Plan During COVID-19**

### **For Families at RockPointe Weekday Preschool**

The health and safety of your children, your family and our staff are our top priority. Our pledge is to do as much as possible to prevent the spread of infectious disease within our program. We cannot, however, guarantee that your child will remain healthy in a preschool environment. ***The enrollment and/or attendance of your child demonstrates that you understand the risks involved, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify RockPointe Weekday Preschool and RockPointe Church from liability due to COVID-19 or other seasonal illnesses.*** Please read through the following protocols carefully.

In order to maintain the healthiest environment at our program, it is vital that children and staff members who display symptoms of illness ***should remain at home***. A health screening will take place before any child or staff member is allowed to enter the preschool hallway each day. We will also limit the number of people entering our building in an attempt to minimize exposure.

#### **COVID-era Pick-up/Drop-off Procedures:**

- We ask that only one masked adult accompany the student (s) into the lobby. While waiting, we will ask families to practice social distancing. Prior to parents leaving at sign-in, a staff member will document and screen each child for fever and visual symptoms of COVID 19.
- Children with any of the following symptoms will not be allowed to attend:
  - o Temperature of >100.0
  - o Cough
  - o Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
  - o Chills
  - o Repeated shaking with chills
  - o Muscle pain
  - o Headache
  - o Sore throat
  - o Loss of taste or smell
  - o Diarrhea
  - o Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID 19
- After screening, a staff member will greet and escort each child from the lobby to their classroom; parents will not be allowed in the preschool hallway in order to minimize exposure.
- Children will be required to immediately wash their hands upon arrival in the classroom.
- At pick-up, a staff member will escort your child from the classroom to you in the lobby.
- We recommend that you designate one family member to drop off and pickup your child, if possible. We encourage you to only ask high-risk family members to drop-off/pick-up as a last resort in an emergency situation.

#### **Health and Safety in the Classroom**

- Staff members will wear masks indoors; students will not.
- All frequently touched surfaces such as light switches, doorknobs, faucets, counters, tables, chairs and toys will be disinfected before the arrival of any students, throughout the day and after dismissal of the last student.
- An enhanced, thorough cleaning (including electrostatic fogging) will be performed throughout the preschool area before and after preschool by the church's cleaning staff.

- Children and staff members will wash hands with soap and water frequently throughout the day, including before and after snacktime/lunch.
- Staff will have access to disposable gloves, anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer.
- No in-person preschool tours will be given until further notice to reduce the number of people in the building.
- Classes will remain separated to reduce the number of children in one area. Groups will combine only for chapel and music, when class groups will be socially distanced from each other.
- Classes will have multiple playground times scheduled every day.
- Children should bring at least **two** changes of clothing as new guidelines recommend more frequent clothing changes as necessary.

### **Staff Health and Safety**

- All staff members are required to complete the following two courses from Texas Agri-life before the beginning of preschool:
  - o “Providing High Quality Experiences During COVID 19 for Emergency Child Care Settings”
  - o “Special Considerations for Infection Control During COVID 19”
- As stated earlier, staff will undergo a health screening each day prior to reporting to their classroom. Staff members will be sent home if they exhibit any signs of illness.
- Staff members will immediately wash their hands upon entering the building.

### **Illness During the Day**

- If a child begins to exhibit symptoms of illness, we will isolate that child in a secure environment until he/she is picked up. Parents should pick up a sick child within 30 minutes of being notified.
- Staff members who show any signs of illness during the day will be sent home immediately and a qualified sub will fill in.
- We will follow health and safety guidelines from governing bodies to determine when a return to the preschool is appropriate for both staff and children.

### **Communication**

- If the current situation changes and it becomes necessary to update our procedures or close our program temporarily, we will notify you via email to the primary account holder.