

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Parent Waiver Form 2020-2021

Due to the nature of our business and format of our Preschool, we may not be able to practice certain CDC recommended guidelines. This may include but is not limited to social distancing, gatherings less than 10 people, and mask wearing required by students. Our primary goal is to keep all our students, teachers/staff, and families safe, while continuing our core preschool program. As new mandates and situations change, we reserve the right to implement alternative safety measures and modifications.

The following precautions will be taken to reduce the spread of germs during this time.

- Staff and students including all passengers inside the vehicle will undergo daily temperature and symptom screenings. If possible, vehicles' occupants will be limited to the child or children attending preschool to prevent car-line delays. Persons with temperatures over 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit taken with an infrared thermometer will not be permitted to enter the school building. Student health screenings will take place during and while in the car line. Symptoms include cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, chills, runny nose, or new loss of taste or smell.
- Students who have had a fever (unrelated to COVID-19) must be fever/symptom free for 72 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
- If a child gets ill at school and needs to be sent home during the school day, then the sibling (who attends preschool as well) will be required to go home as well.
- If a child is ill and cannot attend school, if he/she has a sibling who attends preschool, we ask that both children stay at home.
- To reduce the number of people in our building, parents and visitors will not be permitted in the building during preschool hours.
- Those persons dropping off and picking up children in the car line will be required to wear a mask as well as any passengers over the age of 11. Staff will wear masks and faceshields in the car line at both drop-off and pick-up times. (We encourage the same person to drop off and pick up if possible.)
- Staff will wear face coverings when in the classrooms and/or other areas of the preschool during operating hours.

- Face coverings are recommended for students over the age of 2.
- Students or staff directly exposed to a person testing positive for COVID-19 will agree to self- quarantine for 14 days. Direct exposure is defined as contact within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes.
- Students or staff who have a household member quarantining for 2 weeks due to exposure of a person testing positive for COVID-19 outside their household will also agree to self- quarantine for 14 days.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the class will close for up to 14 days as well as the class of any siblings. The preschool will close for one day of deep cleaning 24 hours after learning of the positive COVID-19 test.
- Students or staff who test positive can return after 10 days from the first symptom and 3 days fever free and have documentation of a negative COVID-19 test if obtaining the second test is possible.
- If the school closes due to pandemic-related reasons, tuition will not be reimbursed, as our operating expenses will continue. If the school opens at half capacity full tuition will be charged. Our goal is to operate at full capacity once the number of COVID-19 cases decreases.
- Parents will be informed about any exposures or possible exposures that occur with other students and/or staff.
- Staff will increase cleaning and sanitation of high-volume/touch areas and materials used by students throughout the day and deep clean after each school day.
- Students will increase handwashing and the use of sanitizer throughout the day.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies between students to the best of our ability.
- All soft toys will be removed from the classrooms.
- Sand and water play is not allowed.
- Playdough play is not allowed.
- If a child becomes ill while at preschool, he/she will be moved to an isolation room designated for this purpose until the parent/guardian arrives to take the student home.
- Students will exit and enter separate doors before and after recess and will not cross paths in the hallways.
- Recess will be scheduled class by class and not age group to limit the number of children on the playground at one time.

- Students will remain in their assigned classrooms except for recess throughout each school day.
- All special events, special visitors, and field trips will be cancelled for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Parents/guardians will drop off and pick up their child(ren) at both car lines to reduce exposure and ensure the safety of our staff.
- Hygiene stations set up at both car lines as well as common areas such as the _____, _____, _____. (examples -supply closet, resource room, kitchenette).
- Parents will agree to bring only prepacked non-homemade items for snack and parties.
- Water fountains will be closed for use. We recommend that parents send at least one water bottle to school each day.

I agree to send my child to school ONLY if ALL of the following are true:

- My child is fever-free and does not have a temperature of 100.1 degrees Fahrenheit or higher taken with an oral thermometer or 99.7 degrees or higher taken with a thermal thermometer; and
- If my child recently had a fever (unrelated to COVID-19), my child has been fever/symptom free for 72 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication before returning to school; and
- To my knowledge, within the past 14 days, my child has not been in direct contact with anyone who is either positive for or awaiting test results for the coronavirus or who is in quarantine due to exposure of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 outside their household; and
- My child shows no signs of cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, chills, runny nose or new loss of taste or smell; and
- My child does not have a sibling who is too ill to attend school; and
- If my child has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test for the coronavirus, my child is now 10 days symptom free and 3 days fever-free.

***** SIGNATURES, WAIVER & RELEASE ON NEXT PAGE *****

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, _____, acknowledge that it is my responsibility to make an informed decision on the attendance of my child(ren) at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Preschool during this time. There is no guarantee that exposure will not occur. By signing below, I release, without recourse and forever discharge **St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool and St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church** and its members, and/or their successors, heirs, and assigns, personal representatives, predecessors, officers, employees, and agents, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, and demands for money, losses, damages, or otherwise, which such party has, or may have, against the other party, arising out of, involving, or connected to liability as it relates to or is a result of the COVID-19 VIRUS (Corona Virus) and its potential exposure to others. I also acknowledge that if I, my family members or my child(ren) are exposed, I will not bring them to school and risk exposing others. I will also inform the preschool if such an event occurs.

This form must be signed and turned into the preschool before students are permitted to attend school.

Child's Name (Print): _____ Classroom _____

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent #2 Name (Print): _____

Parent #2 Signature: _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian Name (Print): _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian Name (Signature): _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian #2 Name (Print): _____ Date _____

Legal Guardian #2 Name (Signature): _____ Date _____