



STEPPING STONE UNIVERSITY PRESCHOOL,

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COVID-19 Pandemic Policy

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Stepping Stone University Preschool will follow the recommendations of our local health department, San Luis Obispo County, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Community Care Licensing Department (CCLD) for pandemic outbreaks. We will undertake the following precautionary measures, as recommended, to protect our employees and the students we serve at Stepping Stone University Preschool. Our exclusion policy for ill children, staff members, family members, visitors, and volunteers has necessarily become stricter.

Please read and sign below.

1. What you will expect from us:

- Clear communication regarding changes to our policies and daily operations.
- Daily wellness checks for each teacher and student upon arrival to the center, including but not limited to temperature, and checks for any signs of illness/colds.
- Increase our daily cleaning and sanitizing routine of the center including but not limited to beds, toys, and other frequently used materials, items, and surfaces.
- Frequent disinfecting, cleaning, and wiping down handles, hard surfaces, sinks, bathroom handles, playground equipment, etc.
- Encourage social distancing.
- Limiting non-essential personnel - no volunteers.
- Using preventative health practices daily including but not limited to, handwashing - there will be continued education and insistence on proper handwashing training, covering coughs, and frequent cleaning of the environment.
- Proper hygiene lessons for all students through demonstrations, skits, and literature.
- Use gloves for changing clothes and/or diaper changing and during any other appropriate times.
- If the teacher chooses, masks will also be worn when in close proximity to the children when social distancing is not tangible.
- Admin staff will take your child's temperature if the health check appears not normal and document it.
- During mealtime/snack time we will space the children apart.
- During naptime, children will be spaced 3-6 ft apart in alternating directions.

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2. What we expect from you:

- The daily temperature was taken at home prior to arrival. Parents will be required to text the child's temperature via REMIND APP. each morning prior to arrival and/or document it on the sign-in/out sheet.
- If a parent or legal guardian has not been feeling well or has any questionable symptoms, we ask that you do not come to SSUP.
- Your child is welcome to wear a mask. This is an individual family decision.
- If your child has ANY cold, allergy, or flu symptoms including but not limited to, watery eyes, runny nose, sore throat not attributed to another condition, cough, shortness of breath, congestion, fever (99 and above), muscle aches not attributed to another condition, please keep them home. We will be strict on our daily wellness checks and send children home with any signs of cold or illness - a person presenting with a temperature, cold, flu, vomiting, or diarrhea must stay home until **symptom-free for 72 hours without medication.**
- A doctor's note will be required for your child to return to SSUP if your child does contract an illness that requires antibiotics, medical treatment has a rash, and/or is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- All sign-in and sign-out will be outside. Preschool Sign in/out will be located near the exit/ temporary fencing near the preschool playground. Toddler sign-in/out will be located in front of the garden area. Parents are not allowed to enter the classrooms or the playgrounds.
- Sign-in/sign-out sheets are in each child's individual take-home folder; each folder has a Ziplock bag labeled with the student's name and a pen that will be specifically for you to use on a daily basis.
- One-way entry through the front gate and exit after dropping off through the designated exit located in the preschool playground.
- Parents may not enter the playground areas to interact with other children. Please limit your time during drop-off.
- If you arrive after 8:30 a.m. your child will not be able to stay due to the length of time it takes to do our morning health check. We need to start class promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- Only 1 Family member is allowed in the sign-in area long enough for wellness checks and to sign in/out.
- Parents may not enter the classroom. Place all child's belongings in your child's box in the designated "student belonging spaces".
- Pick-up procedure: Please form a social distancing line from the blacktop to SSUP entry, and bring/wear a mask. We will dismiss each child one by one as we see you in the pickup line starting with the person closest to the gate. Please follow the same entry/

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exit route as the morning drop-off. Keep in mind that 1 family member is at the sign-in/out table only.

- Only allow immediate family to pick up or drop off children (or as approved).
• Notify us if there is anyone in your family that has been exposed to Covid-19 or has been diagnosed with Covid-19; quarantine for 10 days. (confidentiality will apply).
• If the student tests positive for Covid-19, the student must stay home for a minimum of five (5) days AND must show proof of a negative PCR or home rapid test. The home rapid test must have the following: The child's name and the date it was administered. Please email a picture of it to abixler.ssupreschool@gmail.com.
• If a parent/sibling or anyone living in the household tests positive for Covid-19, but the student does not, the student must stay home for a minimum of ten (10) days AND must show proof of a negative PCR or home rapid test. The home rapid test must have the following: The child's name and the date it was administered. Please email a picture of it to abixler.ssupreschool@gmail.com.
• Traveling- If you travel by public transport: Bus, boat, plane, etc., and/or out of the state or country and/or to large gatherings, you must stay home for 72 hours and show proof of a negative PCR or home rapid test. The home rapid test must have the following: The child's name and the date it was administered. Please email a picture of it to abixler.ssupreschool@gmail.com.
• Prepare backup care for closure if required by the State, county health department, or concerns for our school, community health, and safety, or upon extended teacher illness/ staffing issues, etc.

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I, _____, affirm I understand that there is a risk my minor(s), myself or my family could contract COVID-19 due to exposure to other children at the school, school employees or agents, or the environment of the school as a result of my and/or child(ren)'s participation. I knowingly and voluntarily agree on behalf of myself and/or my minor(s) to assume this risk and to the maximum extent permitted by law, I release and hold harmless STEPPING STONE UNIVERSITY PRESCHOOL-ASHTANE BIXLER for any claims, losses, or injuries arising from enrollment of my minor(s) and exposure to COVID 19.

Parent/Guardian/Signature _____ Date _____

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Date returned _____ Director Sign _____

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