

## SonShine Preschool COVID-19 Precautions Updated 05/18/2021

### Masks / Face Coverings

**Parents & Visitors ages 11 & Up:** Masks are still recommended by the state for unvaccinated people 11 & up in school / child care settings. They are not required by Weld County. **Vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks.** (We will not ask you to provide your vaccination card). People who cannot medically tolerate a face covering are also exempt.

**Staff/Teachers:** **Masks are no longer required for vaccinated teachers. Teachers who cannot medically tolerate masks are also exempt.**

**Children ages 3-10:** **Masks not required**

**Children 2 and under:** Masks should NOT be worn at all

**Outdoors:** Masks not required

### Pick Up & Drop Off

**Visitors and parents inside the classroom are still restricted during class (state guideline).** If we have a special visitor or a parent bringing a pet show & tell, we will meet with them outside (or in the hallway during inclement weather).

**Parents outside of the classroom:** After signing them in, parents should send their child to their child's teacher at the entrance of their classroom.

**Health screening:** Parents should screen their children prior to arrival each day for: fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath, or cough. If a staff suspects a fever, they will additionally take the child's temperature.

**Thermometers:** Forehead thermometers are available upon request.

**Health screening certification:** A statement will be added to the sign in/out sheet that the child has passed the health screening, so that a parent signing their child in is certifying that they have completed the screening.

**Exclusion:** Any child who is exhibiting symptoms (fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath, or cough) will be excluded from school.

**Curbside option:** Please let BOTH of your child's teachers know either beforehand or by text if you would like a teacher to come to your car for pick up/drop off. Please pull up parallel to the curb outside the preschool entrance (not into a parking space). Text BOTH teachers when you arrive. A teacher will come to your car as soon as there is time.

## **Staff Health**

**Health screening:** Staff should screen themselves prior to and arrival each day for: fever of 100.4 or higher, shortness of breath, or cough.

**Thermometers:** No-contact thermometers will be available at the preschool.

**Exclusion:** Any staff member who is exhibiting symptoms of suspected COVID-19 will stay home.

## **Family Health**

Please let the director know if your child or a household member tests positive for COVID-19.

## **Child Health**

Children who become ill during class will be isolated and sent home. If staffing permits a teacher to stay with the child, the isolation area will be on a clean, covered mattress outside the classroom, by the supply room. If a teacher cannot be spared, the child will be isolated on a clean, covered mattress in the corner of the classroom, away from other students. The bedding and isolation area will be cleaned after the child is picked up.

## **Communication**

If a staff member or student, tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of being in class, SonShine preschool will notify the health department. Parents of the class effected will receive a group text notification. The family's identity will not be announced in the parent notification.

## **Closures / Quarantines**

- In the event of a COVID-19 positive test, the health department will determine any temporary closure or class quarantine necessary. **Fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine.**
- SonShine Preschool is licensed as a child care, and would follow child care closure requirements rather than public school closures in the case of a widespread school closure.
- In the case of a closure, parents will receive a group text notification.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Sneezes or coughs should be covered with the inside of an elbow.

Student and Staff hands will be washed with soap and water:

- Upon arrival in the classroom
- After wiping nose or coughing/sneezing on hands
- Before and after preparing/eating food
- After touching animals
- After using the restroom or helping with restroom needs
- After recess
- Before leaving at the end of class

### **Items from home and Show & Tell items**

In general, toys and personal belongings should not be brought to school.

A disposable dixie cup dispenser is available next to the sink for drinking water at any time.

**Show & Tell item** (when it is your child's SonShine Kid day)

- The show & tell item should be easy for the teacher to sanitize when it comes in and after being passed around.
- If the item is not easily cleanable, it should be small enough to place and keep inside a gallon ziplock baggie.
- For animal show & tells, we can bring the children outside the preschool entrance to see (and touch if appropriate) the animal who is accompanied by a parent.

### **Cleaning**

- High-touch items will be cleaned & disinfected daily / after each class
- The child bathroom is cleaned/disinfected after each class
- Toys are sanitized regularly

### **Groups, Teachers, and Limited Visitation**

Children are assigned to one classroom, and do not switch from classroom to classroom.

Only one class uses the playground (or chapel for inside recess) at a time, and groups will be kept at least 6 feet apart if passing each other on the way to/from playground.

Classes are not combined.

Only one class uses the restroom handwashing sink at a time.

Only one child is present in the child bathroom when using the toilet.

Each class has two consistent teachers, with minimal changes.

Parents and visitors in the classroom (while students are present) are temporarily limited.

Parent/sibling attendance to class parties is temporarily limited.

Concerts are allowed.

Special guests such as police officers, career day presenters, and parents helping with show & tell pets, may be met outside by the class to facilitate extra distancing out in the fresh air.

## **Meals**

Snacks are served on individual plates/bowls, not scooped family/buffet-style by children with shared utensils.

## **Closure discounts:**

- If we are closed and offering SonShine HomeSchool, you receive a 50% per day credit off your daily rate.
- If we are not in a position to provide SonShine HomeSchool, you receive a 100% per day credit off your daily rate.
- At the end of the school year, if you have a credit on your account, you may choose a refund check, credit towards next year, or to donate the credit.

## **Missing class for mandated COVID-19 quarantine / self-isolation:**

- Normally, there is no discount for missing class or sick days.
- If your child has to miss class for more than 2 class days due to mandated COVID-19 quarantine / self-isolation, you can begin to receive 100% per class day credit for the remainder of the quarantine.
- Some documentation may be required (if allowable by regulations).