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Dear CHPC Preschool families,

Thank you so much for your patience as we try and figure out how to navigate these uncertain times of COVID-19.

As we have shared with many of you, CHPC Preschool plans to open the week of September 14th. We don't take the risks lightly. We have spent much time researching how COVID affects young children and COVID's spread, along with the experiences in other early education programs around the US dealing with this and doing it well. We recognize the need for stability and learning for young children and how it affects children and families when these programs are not available. We have developed (and will continue to adapt) new policies to lessen the risks while allowing children to learn, play, feel loved and have meaningful relationships. A big part of preschool is socialization and being a part of something special. With a few adaptations, we can still create that same experience for each and every one of our students.

We recognize that each family must make the decision for themselves of what risks they can, or are willing to take. You are the only one who knows your situation. We can say that we would not open if we didn't feel we had the ability and desire to be very purposeful in keeping our students, families and staff as safe as possible. We feel strongly about the benefits of a positive early learning environment. The church committee that oversees the preschool has approved us opening in the fall with the health and safety plan in place. We acknowledge that COVID is an ever evolving situation and our health and safety will be our priority.

There are no easy answers right now. But we hope to continue to be a constant in your family's life. We want to assure you that we are dedicated to the safety and development of your child, as well as the safety of our staff. Please reference the attached plan and contact me with any questions: dtarnoci@thechpc.com or 717-761-6003.

Please know that the preschool, my staff and our preschool families have been constantly on my mind during our extended time away from school.

Sincerely,  
Dana B. Tarnoci  
CHPC Preschool Director

# CHPC Preschool

## 2020-2021 Health and Safety Plan

All information below is subject to be changed as needed, and necessary.



### Masks

- We are following the Pennsylvania order that all children two years and older are expected to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability. Parents, guardians, staff and children will be required to wear a mask in the building. Please reference our CHPC preschool mask document.
- There are 3 different types of masks to choose from: disposable (one-time use), traditional masks - over the ears or neck gaiters. It is the preschool's recommendation that you spend the next month finding the right mask for your child. I am sending you a variety of different resources for you to share with your little one on masks that might help with the understanding behind wearing one.
- We acknowledge the age and abilities of each of our students. We will work with them to develop ways to counter mask-wearing fatigue, but we will try our best to wear masks whenever feasible.
- We are researching masks that allow teachers' mouths to be seen because we believe it is so important to children's social and emotional development. With that said, special consideration will be given for times where children are learning by watching teachers' speech patterns and mouth. Teachers will have the option to switch to a face shield during these instruction times or they may choose to wear a mask that has a clear insert, so their mouth is visible.
- Please wash masks daily. CHPC Preschool will also have back-up masks and neck gaiters available for students who may have forgotten to bring theirs to school.



### Arrival

- Parents/Guardians and Students will be assigned a door to enter depending on their classroom location and assigned a different door to exit. We ask that one adult bring their child to their classroom door and be mindful of social distancing as you walk to their class. The doors to your child's classroom will be open for approximately 10 minutes before the start time. At the start of class, the doors will shut, and no other child will be allowed to enter. (There will be no exceptions.) We might need to adjust classroom times slightly to allow for spacing to make this as safe and possible.
- A teacher will greet your little one at the door and take their temperature with our touchless thermometers. As per CDC guidelines, anyone with a temperature of 100.3 or below can report to their classroom. (Staff will also be temperature checked prior to the start of their morning.) Students will then proceed to wash hands. All classrooms are now outfitted with hand washing stations.



## Classroom Time

- The time in the classroom will still function as our classrooms have in the past. Our teachers will follow our curriculum and engage in all different types of learning and fun. The teachers/school will create their own social distancing vocabulary to share with families before the start of school in order to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. Example: Make airplane wings with your arms so you are far apart from the student next to you. Once the vocabulary is established, all teachers will use the same verbiage.
- Students will be asked to provide their own supplies to use during the school morning, including but not limited to markers, pencils, crayons, playdoh, dry erase markers and boards, scissors, glue sticks, etc. These were supplies that were formerly shared between students, but current guidelines prevent sharing and comingling of these materials. A list will be given to the parents once class assignments have been made.
- Students will NO LONGER bring backpacks from home.
  - - Classroom paperwork, art projects and any other items will be given to parents at pick up on the last day of class for that week.
  - - Coats will be stowed in cubbies or hooks in the classroom.
  - - Parents of First Steps, Betweeners and Next Steps 3's will bring in an extra change of clothes along with diapers, wipes, etc. to leave at school.
- There will still be singing, dancing and playing in our individual classrooms.



## Dismissal

- Parents will remain outside by their assigned entrance door (remaining socially distant). The lead teacher will come outside and discuss the day's events/activities. Once the discussion is finished, the parents may follow the teacher back inside the school. Students will be ready to be picked and exit the building using their assigned door. It is of utmost importance that parents be vigilant about being on time for pick up.
- Teachers/Parents/Guardians will not be able to have conversations in our hallways at this time. We will work extra hard to communicate and feel connected as long as this policy is deemed necessary. This is hard for us, as our interactions with parents are so important to us!



## COVID-19: Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Sanitation and hand washing will be vigilant. This is something we do well, and I anticipate being even more purposeful and ongoing with our sanitation. We will be working closely with our property and maintenance team to keep our preschool clean and safe for our little ones.

- Even with additional cleaning procedures in place, there is no way for CHPC Preschool to guarantee 100% virus eradication at any time. But we will use the recommendations from national and state authorities to do our best to keep the virus at bay.

- As usual, our sickness policy will be strictly enforced (and expanded) to keep everyone as safe as possible. Children should stay home if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms or if they come in contact with anyone that is exhibiting any symptoms.

- If a student, member of the student's household, teacher or a member of the teacher's household tests positive for COVID-19, it must be reported to the preschool director ASAP. The classroom will be deep cleaned and we will follow all guidelines established by the Department of Health, the PA Department of education and the CDC.

- If the recommendation is for us to close the classroom or school for any amount of time, we will participate in online activities until we can meet together again. During this time away, students will have access to their Distance Learning Bags. These bags will be handed out at Back to School Night.



## Information for the start of school

- All families will be notified of class assignments including teachers in the next two weeks. (Please know that we will do our best to give you your first class choice. However, our enrollment numbers look very different this year, so we will only have classes that are viable.)

- You will also be receiving a class supply list for your child. (Supply lists will look different from class to class.) The preschool will be providing pencil boxes for your child to keep their supplies.

- All necessary back to school forms will be sent to you in the mail. They will need to be completed and turned in prior to the start of school. (Reminder, a student will need a copy of their latest vaccinations.)

- We are still planning on having our traditional Back to School Night at the start of the school year along with Open House/Visitation day. It will look a little different than years past, but we feel it is important to gather and go over how preschool will work this year. Both events will be happening the week of September 8. Due to the nature of our situation we will be scheduling visits through an online sign up process. Your teacher will be sending you more information and the link to sign up.



## Changes

- **Please remember that this plan could change at any moment.** We will be taking guidance from the health department and CDC as we navigate through the school year.

Thank you for reading through this entire document! We truly appreciate it!