

COVID-19 Procedures

Gentle Learning Preschool follows the guidance of the CDC, IDPH and the Illinois State Board of Education. We understand that guidelines and recommendations are evolving. Since our preschoolers are not eligible for the vaccination yet, we will continue to require face coverings for ALL who enter our preschool facility regardless of vaccination status.

Symptom Assessment Prior to Attending Preschool

Before coming to class each day, assess your child:

- Does my child complain of being sick or look sick?
- Is anyone in the home sick or not feeling well?
- Does my child have any of the following COVID-19 like symptoms: fever, cough and/or shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, gastrointestinal concerns (e.g., abdominal, pain, vomiting, diarrhea)?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above three questions, do not proceed to the preschool. Please notify the program manager. Students who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should call their doctors and follow CDC guidelines. Upon arrival each day, parents and child must wear a face covering that covers both their mouth and nose.

Returning to Preschool

Before being allowed to return to school after exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, child must have:

- Gone 24 hours without having a fever without the aid of a fever reducing medication
- Other COVID-19 related symptoms must have improved
- At least 10 days has passed since their symptoms first appeared.

If participant does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released

- After feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours OR
- Has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart

If the child has been away from school based upon the order and/or recommendation of their physician, we will require a note from a physician indicating that the child can return to school.

Procedures for Experiencing Symptoms at Program

If a child begins to feel COVID-19 symptoms while at school, they will be sent home from the program. While waiting for their parents to come, child will wait in a designated isolation area as determined by staff until picked up.

Before being granted admittance back to program after exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, child must have:

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Positive Case of Covid-19

If a child or staff member has contracted COVID-19, a message will be sent to anyone who has had close contact with that participant. They are advised to quarantine 14 days after the last recent contact with the individual and seek a COVID-19 test.