

Reformation Nursery School

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Covid-19 Guidelines

Arrival in AM- We will be instituting a drive through drop off by the back entrance of the school. The drop off will begin at 8:50 and go until 9:15. If possible, please have your child unbuckled while waiting in car line. If you arrive after 9:15, you must bring your child to the main entrance, ring the bell and a teacher will greet you at the door. **The staff will do a temperature check of the child using a non-contact thermometer as they get out of the car or enter the building. Any child (or staff) who have a 100.4 degree or higher temperature will not be allowed to stay at school that day.** Afterwards, the child will apply hand sanitizer before entering their classroom. Families at this time will not be allowed inside the center. All students and adults must wear a mask.

Pick up – Pickup will begin at 11:00-11:30 (more details on staggered pick up to follow) as a drive through just as the morning arrival process. If possible, have your child's car seat on the driver's side of the vehicle. We are asking to have one family member drop off and pick up to minimize exposure. If this is not possible, please limit the number of people you authorize to pick up. If possible, older people such as grandparents over the age of 65 should not pick up children because they are more at risk for severe illness from Coronavirus.

No Parents in Building-To minimize potential exposure, Nursery School is asking families not walk their child into the building upon arrival. In the event a parent has a legitimate need to enter the Center, the parent must be screened by Nursery School staff. Any parent entering the building must wear a mask, apply hand sanitizer and will be escorted to their child.

Follow CDC Guidance in travel-We are asking our families to follow CDC guidance for travel to certain regions. If you travel to these regions, you will need to follow CDC guidance for quarantining yourself and your family before returning to Nursery School.

Stay home if sick. If you or your child has been sick, we ask that the ill person stay home until they've become symptom-free without medication for at least 72 hours. If a child becomes sick while attending Nursey School, we will use the Room 124 as a dedicated sick space where we can care for your child until a family member arrives.

Masks- Per the governor's mandates, all staff and adults are required to wear masks. Per the current state mandates, students will also be required to wear a mask while indoors as well. However, the Pennsylvania Department of Health also states, "If your child is touching his or her face more frequently while wearing a mask, then they should not wear it because it increases the risk of being exposed to the virus." Therefore we will institute the mask policy, if feasible.

Snack Time and Lunch on Extended Days. Snack will be served in the classrooms. Staff will wash their hands prior to serving the students and wear gloves while distributing. Staff will directly serve the snack and drinks to the students so there will be less handling of shared containers.

Social Distancing. We will continue to practice social distancing as much as possible to reduce risk. Staff will maintain social distancing. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness and sanitation will be practiced.

Grouping of students. We will be grouping the students in groups of 20 or less students with two staff members. We will strive to keep the same group together with the same staff each day. We will strive not to mix between groups. Each group of children will stay in a separate room, to the extent possible. There will be a limited mixing of students, such as staggering playground and outside times.

Preventative Health Measures. We cannot expect a group of School Age children not to engage in interactive play or share toys. Parents or guardians should monitor the health of their child and not send them to the program if they are displaying any symptom of Coronavirus. Parents or guardians should seek testing promptly and report results to the program given the implications for other children, families and staff.

We plan to ensure adequate supplies to support hand hygiene behaviors and routine cleaning of objects and surfaces. *We request that each family provide 1 container disinfectant wipes, 1 bottle of hand sanitizer and 1 box tissues.*

Personal Belongings. Children are prohibited from bringing items from home into the center. The only items permitted are back pack and jackets, change of clothing labeled in plastic zip-lock type sealed bag, and medication required by physician.

Hand Washing. Hands will be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol will be used if soap and water are not readily available. Children will be supervised when using hand sanitizer. All staff, children and anyone who enters the center will engage in hand hygiene at the following times: arrival to the center, before and after preparing food or drinks, before and after handling food, before and after handling medication, after using the toilet, after coughing, sneezing or blowing nose, after coming in contact with bodily fluid, after playing outdoors, before and after playing in sand, in water or with sensory materials, after handling garbage and whenever hands are visibly dirty.

Site cleanliness. Toys and other high touch surfaces will be regularly disinfected and rotated throughout the day. We will not be using any materials that are difficult to clean. The center will clean objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned throughout the day such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom and bathroom sink handles, countertops, tables, desks and chairs. All bathroom surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day. Disposable wipes will be used on commonly used surfaces such as tables and counter tops. Our outdoor play equipment will be utilized by one group at a time with disinfecting between play groups.

Outdoor high touch areas such as grab bars and railings will be cleaned routinely, along with bikes.

Toys. These will not be shared with other groups of children, unless they are washed and disinfected before being moved from one group to the other. Toys that need to be cleaned will be set aside and put in a container marked “soiled toys.”

Outside areas. We will incorporate more outside activities if the weather permits.

Art Boxes. We are purchasing individual containers for student materials. These will contain their crayons, scissors, glue sticks and pencils.

Illness- Coronavirus can infect people of all ages. Coronavirus is spread from person to person through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking and even just breathing. Coronavirus can be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because of the easy manner of transmission, an infant, child or young person who is infected with Coronavirus can spread the infection to others they come in close contact with, such as members of their household, teachers, or other caregivers. Infected persons with mild or even no symptoms can spread Coronavirus.

The following health policies are subject to change and may be updated based on recommendations and guidelines of the CDC and the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL).

Ill children and staff are required to stay home. Any staff or child will be sent home if they present with any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible Coronavirus:

- **Feeling feverish or a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit**
- **Cough**
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Come in close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have Coronavirus

Potential exposure means being in a household contact or having close contact within six feet of an individual with a confirmed or suspected case of Coronavirus for at least 10 minutes. The period for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic.

Children will also be sent home with any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible Multisymptom Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with Coronavirus:

- Fever-prolonged and persistent
- Rash
- Conjunctivitis (redness of the white part of the eye)
- Stomachache, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Tongue is redder than usual and looks like a strawberry
- Swollen hands and/or feet, lymph nodes
- Irritability and/or unusual sleepiness or weakness

Any child or staff with a temperature of more than 100.4 will not be permitted to return to the center until 72 hours (3 days) after the fever has returned to normal with fever reducing medications. The center will not allow a physician's note before the 72 hours.

While there are common symptoms that mirror Coronavirus, children will not be allowed into Nursery School or will be sent home if displaying any of the symptoms listed. Children will not be permitted to return before 72 hours unless a note is obtained by a physician stating that the symptoms are not caused by Coronavirus. A physician's note will not be accepted for fever above 100.4.

What if a child, or staff member believes they had direct exposure or close contact with a confirmed case in the community- We will work with the staff member and family to gather details and then we would work with the local health department for guidance. Until we have that specific guidance, we will ask the child and teacher to stay at home.

A child or staff who become sick while at the center. They will be sent home as soon as possible. The sick child or staff will isolate from well children and staff until they can be sent home by isolating in Room 124. A sick child will be supervised by staff. The staff member who is caring for the child must wear a mask. The parent or guardian will be contacted immediately and informed to contact their health care provider. Parents or caregivers must arrange pick up within 30 minutes. The isolation area will be cleaned and disinfected after the sick individual has gone home. All areas used by the sick individual such as classrooms, office, bathrooms and shared areas will be cleaned and disinfected.

Staff or children with the new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above will not return to the center until:

If the individual has a diagnosed confirmed Coronavirus case, they may return to the center when all three of the following criteria are met:

- * Must inform Reformation Nursery School via email. (nurseryschool@relmedia.org)
- *At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (no fever without the use of fever reducing medications.
- *The individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath)
- *At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

In the case of an **individual who has symptoms that could be Coronavirus and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or does not get tested for Coronavirus**, the individual is

assumed to have Coronavirus, and the individual may not return to the center until the individual has completed the same three step criteria listed above.

If the individual has symptoms that could be Coronavirus and wants to return to center before completing the above self- isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

A physician's note MUST state in writing, "_____ was seen and evaluated for _____. This individual does NOT have Coronavirus and is able to return to childcare without placing another individual at risk."

If a staff member believes or a parent/guardian believes that they or the child have had close contact to someone with a confirmed case of Coronavirus, we will follow CDC guidance and ask them to stay home in self-isolation for a period of 14 days. They **may return after 14 days if they have not experienced any symptoms. If they have symptoms, they will need to get medical clearance before returning.**

Will we have to close the entire center if we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus? If there is a confirmed (tested positive) in a child or staff member or other adult who has been present in the center, Nursery School will:

- Call Pennsylvania Department of Health at 877-724-3258.
- Call Chester/Delaware County Board of Health at 610-344-6225 and follow their guidance. We will most likely close the center for 2-5 days for deep cleaning. This will allow the health department to gain more knowledge of the coronavirus situation impacting our center.
- Close off all areas used by the person who is sick for at least 24 hours.
- If possible, open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
- Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning or disinfecting to allow respiratory droplets to settle.
- Follow CDC guidance on how to disinfect the Center by cleaning and disinfecting all areas used by the person whom is sick, such as classrooms, offices, bathrooms, and shared areas.
- Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.

You will not be charged tuition if you don't bring your child to program due to confirmed case of coronavirus. If your absence is a recommendation or requirement from health department, we will work with the family to hold your spot as long as possible but this is not a guarantee. In the event that Covid-19 cases in Delaware County spike over a period of time and do not deescalate or a government order is issued to close schools, Reformation Nursery School will not be able to hold classes. No tuition refunds will be given for the days missed in that month.