

**Preschool Opening on a Limited Basis for Children of Essential Workers (ages 18 mo - 5 years):
April 17, 2020**

Dear Families,

We continue to pray for you, believing that God will provide all your needs during these uncertain times. We also appreciate your prayers for us as we navigate the best ways to serve your children and their wonderful teachers. We are planning to open our preschool on a limited basis, to children of essential workers age 18 months -- 5 years, on April 27.

In order to help us plan, please reply to this email and let us know if you are seriously interested in attending. Tell us if you would be able to start on April 27 or if there is a future date you would want to start. Keep in mind that responding to this email and expressing interest does not mean that you are making a commitment, it is just an indication of serious interest which will help us as we plan.

More information, costs, and sign-up forms will be sent out early next week to those who are seriously interested in signing children up for the program. Please make every effort to respond by email to us by tomorrow (Saturday, April 18).

With guidance from County Health Officials, we have been reviewing the most recent guidelines put out for Child Care Centers by the State Department of Social Services, the emergency regulations of the Health and Human Services Agency of the County of San Diego, and the CDC Guidelines for Schools.

Some additional information:

- All children who attend must have at least one parent who is considered an Essential Worker. <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>
- Our hours of operation are 8:00am - 4:00pm. Extended care will not be available until further notice.
- All adults will practice social distancing while at the school, attempting to maintain six feet distance from non-family members. In an effort to reduce the number of adults that children and staff members come in contact with, parents, guardians, and visitors will not be on campus on a regular basis.
- Each classroom will consist of a stable group, having no more than 10 children and will be kept only with other children in their class. They will stay with the same group of children every day and classes will not intermingle.
- Each classroom will have assigned teachers that will interact with the children in their classroom only. The teaching staff will also not intermingle with other staff. This way you will always know who your children have been with during the day.
- Playground/outside time will be staggered so there will be no intermingling in the play areas or hallways.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols, which have already been put in place, will continue.

Sign-in Procedures

Each classroom will have a designated area for pick-up and drop-off. Drop-off will be from 8:00-8:15am and Pick-up will be from 3:45-4:00pm. Families must be signed-in one at a time to allow for social distancing. If you need to pick-up or drop-off outside those times, please contact us via Brightwheel to make arrangements. Parents will need to complete a daily health questionnaire, probably via Brightwheel. Each child's temperature will be taken upon arrival. If your child has any sign of illness, fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms, they will not be permitted to attend class. Other than in an emergency, visitors will not be allowed into classrooms.

Lunch and Snacks

Parents are to supply a lunch with a beverage and two small snacks for their child per day. No family style snack will be served at this time. Please make sure to label all of your child's belongings.

Bedding and Naps

Cots will be spaced 6 feet apart with the head of each bed alternately in opposite directions. Sheets, blankets, and nap friends should be labeled and kept in a separate bag to ensure personal items are separate from others. Aside from nap friends that should only be used during naptime, personal toys should be kept at home until further notice.

Sickness Protocol

Students and parents who have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed in the preschool for a 14-day period following contact. We will be taking the temperature of each child before signing them in to the program. Any child with a temperature over 100°F will be sent home and must remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 48 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Sick children must stay home. Any children or adults exhibiting flu-like symptoms or respiratory difficulties will be sent home. Children will be kept in a quarantined area until parents arrive.

When you reply to the email, don't hesitate to include additional questions or comments you might have.

Sincerely,

Nissa Rivero, Preschool Director