

RYF Preschool Reopening Health and Safety Plan

In accordance with current state guidelines, we will be implementing new strategies to promote the health and wellness of our students and staff. Per the American Academy of Pediatrics, “policies should be practical, feasible, and appropriate for child and adolescent's developmental stage”. It is of upmost importance that we balance state guidelines with developmentally appropriate practice while planning for the new year. In the months to come, we will continue to monitor and respond to new ordinance and may have to further adjust our practices. Any updates will be immediately shared on our school website and via email. Communication is key to success. Please email Jenny Nicotra with any questions or concerns at jnicotra@pryc.org We won't let a little change damper our excitement and enthusiasm for this incredible new school year.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

- At the PRYC, our building is cleaned and disinfected daily by custodial staff adhering to all guidelines set by the Allegheny County Health Department and CDC protocols.
 - This process is supported by our staff's daily cleaning protocol.
 - Cleaning supplies and PPE have been donated and purchased throughout the past six months in anticipation of reopening.
- ✦ We are closely monitoring supply to ensure that we have adequate time to replenish and are able to keep key items stocked sufficiently.
- All preschool staff will be retrained and tested in appropriate cleaning practice during our 2020 teacher orientation.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Guidelines

- Posters and visual guides that promote healthy hygiene and protective measures will be displayed throughout the building to promote healthy choices and practices.
- In order to mitigate spread, classroom staff will modify their classroom layout to provide 6 feet of distance between students and staff *whenever appropriate and feasible*.
 - Visual guides will be utilized whenever possible to serve as distancing reminders.

- Students will be seated on the same side of the table, in limited groupings whenever possible.
- The number of students permitted in learning centers at one time will be limited to discourage clustering.
- Class times will now be staggered. All students will be dropped off and picked up curbside in a carline.
 - The Preschool schedule will be adjusted to 9:00-12:00.
 - The K-Prep schedule will be adjusted to 9:15-12:15.
 - Sibling groups will be picked up and dropped off at the later time.
- Classes will include the same group of students each day, and the same staff will remain with the same group each day. (Cohorting) There may be occasion when a substitute teacher is in place.
 - Class sizes have been split or reduced as feasible.
 - Classes will be assigned gym, playground and bathroom times to prevent groups intermixing.
 - Staff is responsible for disinfecting surfaces after use in preparation for the next class on the playground and other shared spaces.
- In addition to classroom space, staff will have the availability of the gym and auxiliary gym inside. Outside, the playground will be open as well as the pavilion. We will also be setting up canopies in the field for outside learning areas, weather permitting.
- Our shared STEAM center and library will be temporarily closed. These activities will be made available within individual classrooms.
- Extra-curricular groups and events will be postponed. Scheduling will be reconsidered in January 2021.
- Each student will have a designated area for their belongings as well as their own personal school supplies (pencil, crayons, scissors...).
- Each classroom will have designated equipment and supplies.
 - Staff is responsible for washing and sanitizing any materials after use and before being made available to another group.
- Hygiene practices and procedures are being expanded.
 - A hand sanitizer station is set up at each entrance to the facility. All staff and visitors are to sanitize their hands as they enter.
 - Staff will be modeling, teaching and reinforcing handwashing skills. They are to closely monitor that students clean their hands when they arrive at school, after any contact with bodily fluids (sneezing, coughing) prior to and immediately after eating, after using the bathroom and prior to and immediately after using a sensory table.

- ✦ If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used.
 - Students will be closely monitored when using hand sanitizer.
- Staff will be required to wash their hands when they arrive at school, after any contact with bodily fluids (sneezing, coughing), prior to/immediately after serving or eating food and after using the bathroom or assisting a child in the bathroom.
- Staff will change a child's clothes any time they are soiled by secretion. Contaminated clothes will be bagged and sent home.
- Special considerations will take place during snack times.
 - Table surfaces are to be sanitized before and after any food service.
 - From now on, all snacks will be pre-packaged in individual servings. Students will provide their own snack each day.
 - ✦ Special considerations will be made for class celebrations within guidelines.
 - ✦ Peanut/Tree Nut Free rules still apply.
 - Students will bring personal water bottles from home each day. (*Water fountains are closed. Water bottle refill stations have been installed.*)
 - Disposable food service items will be used whenever possible.
- Non-essential visitors will be prohibited from entering during school hours.
- Essential visitors and staff will be screened at entry and required to wear a mask.
 - These visitors will self-screen upon arrival, using the daily health check guide and thermometer.
- The current reopening phase and guidelines will be taken into account while planning outside events and gatherings.
- Once approved, all safety protocols will be forwarded to preschool staff for familiarization. Formal training will occur at teacher orientation, August 2020.
 - Preparedness will be determined through teacher team meetings prior to school starting.
- All of these procedures will be implemented schoolwide.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

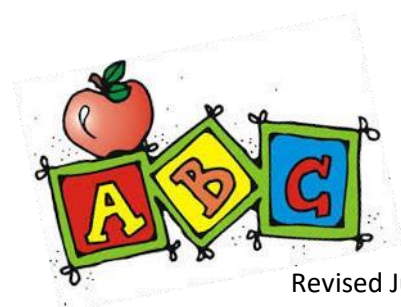
- The PRYC Board of Directors and Preschool Director is responsible for making all decisions regarding quarantine and the isolation requirements of staff or students.
- Neither staff nor students should attend school if sick.

- Student, staff and visitor health will be monitored daily in hopes that early detection will help prevent the spread of disease. All health checks will be conducted safely and respectfully, and in accordance with applicable privacy laws and regulations.
 - *In a least restrictive phase*, parents will be asked to pre-screen their students at home, before arrival. They will be provided a google Health Screening form to be submitted 30 minutes prior to drop off. Hard copies will be made available to families without internet access.
 - *In a more restrictive phase*, staff will screen each child when the student arrives at school and when the parent is still present, using a daily health check guide and thermometer.
 - ✦ If it is determined that the child exhibits a temperature of 100° or shows any signs of illness, they will be asked to leave with their parent right away.
 - If the child becomes ill during the day, the child's guardian will be immediately notified. The child will be separated from the group until they are able to be picked up.
 - ✦ Parents may need to consult their health care provider before the student may return.
 - Staff will self-screen upon arrival, using the daily health check guide and thermometer. If a staff member exhibits signs of illness, they will be asked to leave immediately.
 - Only essential visitors will be permitted in the building during school hours. Visitors will also self-screen upon arrival, using the daily health check guide and thermometer. If a visitor exhibits signs of illness, they will be asked to leave immediately.
 - Student, staff and visitor health will continue to be monitored throughout the day.
- If a student, staff or visitor has been in close contact with a confirmed covid-19 case, they will be asked to stay home and permitted to return after 14 days of exposure, if symptoms do not develop.
- If a student, staff or visitor IS SYMPTOMATIC and *will be tested*, they may return after they have tested negative, with physician's recommendation AND when they have no fever AND symptoms have improved.
- If they *will not be tested*, they may return after 3 days with no fever AND symptoms have improved AND 14 days since symptoms have first appeared, with physician's recommendation.
 - Students who are in extended absence will be provided with temporary support materials for continued learning.
 - Staff will not be penalized for absence. Staff who are unable or uncomfortable to return will be replaced with a long-term substitute.

- If a student, staff or visitor has a confirmed case of covid-19, school will close for at least 48 hours to be cleaned and disinfected. Time of reopening will depend on DOH guidance.
 - School community will be notified of closure through our school website, via email and the Remind app.
- Any decision about temporary closures of the RYF Preschool or cancellation of related events will be made in coordination with the Pine-Richland School District, the PA Department of Education and the Allegheny County Department of Health. All notifications will be communicated through our school website, via email and the Remind app.
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Other Considerations for Students and Staff

- All staff, students and visitors, 2 years old and over, will be required to wear face coverings while on school property unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, per the mandate of the PA Mask Wearing Order.
 - Staff will collaborate with parents and appropriate health professionals to determine appropriate accommodations for students unable to wear a mask.
 - ✦ Parents will not be required to provide documentation of exemption for their child.
 - Staff will collaborate with parents to determine best practice for students who may experience difficulty with social distancing or health and safety guidelines.
- Students at high-risk may be offered the option of temporary remote learning options through Class Dojo.
- Staff at high-risk will be offered flexible leave.
- We are encouraging expanded team teaching and cooperation to ensure quality learning experiences throughout the year.
- Our social/emotional wellness curriculum will be expanded in order to address the specific changes of covid-19 and the challenges it presents.



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