

BunnyBears Preschool Santee – Updated Covid-19 Operating Procedures

Effective January 2022. Due to the fluidity of the pandemic, this information may be updated or changed in accordance to guidelines from the CDC and CCLD.

- Staff is strongly encouraged and advised to get Covid-19 vaccines/boosters
- All non-vaccinated staff will get weekly Covid tests and will present the results to the director
- All staff will be wearing face masks when indoors.
- Staff will not be required to wear masks outdoors unless they choose to
- Staff will be screened daily for symptoms, temperatures will be checked before being permitted in to the school. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, they must be excluded from the facility.
- All staff showing any signs of illness will stay home until symptom free for a **minimum of 48 hours.**

During Drop Off and Pick Up

- We encourage families to do all pickups and drop offs at the back entrance outdoors weather permitting. Sign-in/Sign out station will be set at the designated table. We encourage parents to have their own pen for signing in. Hand sanitizers will be available at the sign in station.
- Face mask must be worn when going inside.
- One family member should bring their child to school.
- Children will be screened for symptoms/check temperature each morning. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, they must be excluded from facility.
 - We **recommend parents to check children's temperatures at home** each morning before bringing the child to school.
 - Monitor your child for any unusual symptoms
- During morning drop off:
 - Parents will sign in and sign out children outside.
 - Children's temperature will be checked and the child will wash hands at the sink.
 - Lunch boxes, bedding and water bottles will be placed on the table and the staff member will take them inside.
 - A staff member will walk child inside the school if their group is starting their morning inside or children will walk to the outdoors playground.
 - Morning drop off will end at 9:00am to allow a designated staff member to check temperature and guide children through their morning routine and say good bye to parents.
- We ask children to not bring any toys from home.

Visitors at School

- At this time no visitors or special guests are allowed at school.

- Extra curriculum activities are not offered at this time.
- Limited school tours are scheduled after school hours and visitors wear mask while keeping social distance.

Group Arrangements

- Children must bring masks to school and will be asked/encouraged to wear them during indoors activities. *Please support school efforts of mask wearing* by reminding your child the importance of wearing masks at school.
- Children won't be wearing masks outdoors.
- Children will be in assigned groups of 12 children.
- Children will have community play time during morning and afternoon hours.

Curriculum, Materials, Use of Space

- Our curriculum for young children has always been primarily focused on social-emotional development, and building strong relationships and connection. It will continue to be our focus now.
- We will focus on helping children work through their emotions/feelings about what's happening, encourage creative expression, and provide opportunities to explore, experiment, and problem solve while keeping physical distance in fun and age appropriate ways.
- Increased focus in educating about health, safety, and hygiene in age appropriate ways.
- Handwashing routines will be implemented during the day activities, meal times and in the bathroom.
- There will be a limited numbers of materials available in each room for children to play with. All Materials will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day, as well as in between use of different children in the group. Many items will be assigned to the child for the day, so as to prevent the sharing of materials.
- Carpet squares, mats and other visual spacing tools will be provided to respectfully guide children through the concept of social and physical distancing.
- More individual activities will be planned and provided.
- We will spend absolutely much time outside as possible, as recommended by community care licensing. Outdoors classroom will be created to support children's activities and interests. We will take advantage of playground, garden space to allow multiple groups to be outside in different spaces at the same time.

Snacks and Meal times

- Children **should bring labeled water bottles**, please take them home and wash them daily.
- Children will bring their **labeled lunch box to school**. Ice pack is recommended for the lunch box; **we will no longer use a refrigerator**. Please clean the lunch boxes daily best to your ability.
- For the time being, all food during snack time will be served individually on single use plates/napkins. No community snack concept.

- More tables will be utilized to ensure distance between children.
- We will continue to properly wash hands before and after all meal times.

Nap/Rest Time

- Each child is assigned a sleeping mat. Mats are disinfected and cleaned each Friday.
- Cots/mats will be spaced out, arranging the head of each bed alternately, in opposite direction.
- Sheets and blankets will be brought in on Monday and taken home for wash on Friday. If you forget to bring sheets, clean sheets will be provided by school for that day and washed afterward.

Sanitizing and Disinfecting

- The school will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.
- The facility will be ventilated (open windows and doors) before children come to school and after they leave.
- All toys and materials that have been used will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.
- All surfaces and Table tops, chairs, high touch objects (doors knobs, light switches, etc.) will be disinfected each morning prior to opening.
- Support staff will continue to disinfect surfaces throughout the day while groups take turns outside.
- EPA approved disinfectants will be used according to directions and in a safe manner (ie: while children are outdoors)
- Hand sanitizers will be available for adults' use, away from children's reach.

Sick Policies

- If your child is showing any symptoms of illness, fever, coughing, runny nose, we ask that you keep him/her home and monitor. Please notify the school director if your child is exhibiting any symptoms of illness.
- **Children may return after being symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours without any medication.**
- Children found showing signs of any illness at school, specifically fever or respiratory symptoms, will be isolated from others and sent home immediately.
- If your child has lingering coughs and nasal or lung congestion **doctor's note should be provided to allow the child to go back to group setting.**
- **If your child has season allergies that come with runny nose, congestion and cough, we will ask for you to provide doctor's note stating that your child is not contagious.**
- If there is any evidence that any one in our school community has been exposed to the virus, parents will be notified, and *we will work in coordination with Public Health Department to decide the plan of action.*

- BunnyBears will always stay transparent in communicating positive cases in the classrooms, provide last day of Covid positive person in the environment.

Isolation

- Persons who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status must stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms begin or for those who are asymptomatic, 5 days after a positive test.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are improving AND fever is resolved at least 24 hours prior AND a diagnostic specimen (PCR or antigen) collected on day 5 or later is negative.
- If unable or unwilling to test, isolation can end after day 10 as long as symptoms are resolving, and fever is resolved at least 24 hours prior.
- A well-fitting mask must be worn for a total of 10 days when around others, especially in indoor settings.

Quarantine

- Persons exposed to COVID-19 as a close contact and are unvaccinated or are vaccinated and booster-eligible, but have not yet received their booster dose (including those previously infected with SARS-CoV-2, even if within 90 days of the infection) must:
 - Stay home for at least 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
 - Test on day 5 and if negative and no symptoms have developed quarantine can end on day 6, if able to wear a well-fitting mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible, through day 10.
 - If unable or unwilling to test, quarantine can end after day 10.
 - If symptoms develop, test and stay home.
- Persons exposed to COVID-19 as a close contact and fully up-to-date on COVID vaccination, including a booster if booster-eligible, must:
 - Wear a well-fitting mask, and maintain 6 feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible, through day 10, but do not need to formally quarantine.
 - Test on day 5.
 - If test is positive or any symptoms develop, must immediately isolate and seek testing if not already performed.

BunnyBears will take the following steps:

- If a child has been diagnosed with Covid-19, *we will ask you to follow Isolation policies and isolate for 10 days.* Everyone will be informed about group exposure at school.
- If a child, a teacher has been in close contact with Covid-19 person, quarantine for at least 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19 (when calculating quarantine period, last date of contact with the positive case is day “0”). Test on day 5 and if negative and no symptoms have developed quarantine can end on day 6. *Individuals will come back to school symptom free, with proof of negative test and KN95 mask.*
- Tuition will not be reimbursed for partial absences due to Covid-19 exposure.

It is in our best interests to keep our children, teachers and families healthy. Unfortunately, these are unusual times and we need everyone's cooperation and understanding as we navigate this pandemic. We believe in open communication and transparency and we are confident that our small schools can stay safe and healthy during these uncertain times. We appreciate your trust and support; we value your personal responsibility and accountability. Childcare centers are considered essential services and are encouraged to stay open to serve working families.

This is just an amendment to an existing BunnyBears Admissions Agreement, additionally we ask our families to review and sign the Admissions Agreement.

**I, _____, parent or guardian of _____
acknowledge that I have received BunnyBears Updated Covid-19 Operating
Procedures.**

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date