

# **Saint Francis of Assisi Preschool**

## **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (8/13/2020)**

### **1. FREQUENT HANDWASHING:**

- Prior to the start of the school year preschool staff provides families with a video demonstrating proper hand washing routine.
- Children are supervised washing hands upon arrival by a staff member. Children also wash or sanitize hands before eating, after using the bathroom, before and after outdoor play, and any other time a staff member deems it appropriate.
- Hand sanitizer is dispensed by staff and is stored out of reach of children.

### **2. CLEANING AND DISINFECTING:**

- Our preschool program is following the guidelines for regular disinfecting of toys and frequently changing out the options for play.
- High touch surfaces (tables, chairs, doorknobs, faucets, light switches) are cleaned and disinfected several times during the day.
- Each child has their own bin of art supplies.
- If a person or persons were to have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will work with Olmsted County Public Health and our custodial team to ensure the room is properly cleaned and disinfected.

### **3. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:**

- Prior to the start of the school year parents are given a set of screening questions which are used at home before the start of each school day. Children who exhibit symptoms must remain at home.
- At arrival, families enter through the designated door and the family remains in the entryway and waits for preschool staff. Adults will be masked and maintain social distancing requirements.
- Staff ask families to confirm that a health screening has been completed at home prior to coming to school. Staff do a visual assessment of the child for signs of illness. Families then depart through the designated door.
- Staff escort children to the classroom, assist them in arrival routine, and supervise proper handwashing.
- At departure, the children are escorted out of the classroom to the designated dismissal area. Parents pick up their children and promptly leave the dismissal area.

**4. SICK CHILDREN AND STAFF:**

- Health checks are performed daily for staff and children.
- Exclusion guidelines are followed to ensure staff and children stay home when sick.
- Children who become sick at school are isolated until picked up.
- If a staff member or child has a positive test, we will follow the guidelines and contact MDH and Olmsted County Public Health to ensure that they can conduct the proper contact tracing and/or other measures the health professionals deem appropriate.

**5. SOCIAL DISTANCING THROUGHOUT THE DAY:**

- Children and staff stay in a consistent group for the entire preschool session.
- Staff members use developmentally appropriate cues and signs to remind children of social distancing.

**6. SOURCE CONTROL AND CLOTH FACE COVERINGS:**

- Children in our program cannot reliably wear face masks.
- Staff members wear face coverings in accordance with CDC recommendations.

**7. WORKPLACE VENTILATION:**

- Our systems receive regular maintenance to ensure proper ventilation. When possible, windows are open and outside time is utilized.

**8. PLAYGROUND USE:**

- Children wash/sanitize hands before and after being on playground equipment and playground schedules are staggered to allow for social distance.

**9. SNACK TIME:**

- Staff and children practice proper hand washing.
- Staff serve individual snack portions to each child.

**10. FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS:**

- There are no field trips or events outside of the classroom.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING**

- Plan is posted in the classroom and staff is trained in implementation of the plan.
- Families receive email and paper copies of the plan.