



## **Health & Safety Policy**

The health and safety of our children and families is of the utmost importance to Hopewell Christian Preschool. To mitigate the risks of COVID-19 while children attend preschool, we have adopted additional health and safety measures based on CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Chester County Department of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. *Given the evolving situation, we will continue to update these protocols as necessary.*

### **Facial Coverings**

Based on current guidance, all staff and students are required to wear a face mask when inside the building. Masks should be well fitted and worn over the nose and mouth. Masks are optional when outside. Students are required to keep at least 1 extra mask in their backpack.

### **Health Checks**

All children and staff will go through a brief health screen upon arrival. This will include some general questions as well as a visual check for signs of illness. Temperature checks will be administered as needed.

Parents are required to sign an affidavit and a waiver at the beginning of the school year, in lieu of signing a health screen daily. The affidavit is a promise not to send the student to school with symptoms related to COVID-19. Any existing chronic conditions need to have a doctor's note on file.

### **Safe Distancing**

In accordance with current distancing guidelines, arrival and dismissal will be coordinated in different locations depending on classroom location. As much as possible, classes will remain with the same group each day to limit co-mingling.

### **Snack**

Snack is provided by the preschool and distributed by the teachers. Students will eat snack in a designated "snack room" with dividers or spaced accordingly.

## **Sanitation**

Handwashing and disinfecting throughout the school day will continue to be a priority.

## **Exposure to COVID-19**

Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.

Because of the strategies set forth in our HCP Health & Safety Policy the class where a member has tested positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine.

Children who have had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine for 10 days or for 7 days with a negative COVID test between 3-5 days after exposure. Parents should watch for symptoms and contact their child's doctor to obtain additional guidance.

Thank you for partnering with us for your children's early education and for adhering to current protocols as we navigate through the current health climate.