

ECP has reviewed and incorporated the industry guidance applicable to our preschool program provided by the state of Minnesota for the development of this plan. **We will continue to closely monitor the MDH and CDC guidelines and make changes as necessary.**

- **Handwashing and sanitizing.** Everyone who enters the building will need to wash hands, and we'll continue to integrate handwashing into the curriculum. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the center.
- **Follow CDC travel guidance.** As states and countries lift their restrictions, please pay close attention to CDC guidance around travel to specific regions. If you travel to these regions, you will need to follow CDC guidance for quarantining yourself and your family before returning to Excelsior Covenant Preschool.
- **Stay home if sick.** If you or your child has been sick, we ask that all household members stay home until they've been symptom-free without medication for at least 48 hours. Classrooms will be open to well individuals only.
- **Sick space.** Excelsior Covenant Preschool
 - will have a dedicated space where teachers can care for sick children while being separated from others until a family member can come to pick up.
- **Same person drop-off and pick-up.** Families are asked to assign one family member for drop off and pick up to minimize exposure to multiple people. If this is not possible, we ask parents to call the preschool upon arrival and the staff will bring children in from, and out to the car. Children will also receive a backpack tag for easy identification.
- **Lunch Bunch/Morning and Afternoon Adventure.** Lunch bunch and morning, afternoon adventure will be held in the child's classroom with their teacher. There will not be any mixing of groups. Children will be in groups of 10 and practice social distancing while eating.
- **Protective equipment.** All teachers will be required to wear face shields/masks. We ask that you wear a mask/face covering during drop-off and pick-up, or anytime you're in the preschool. Children **do not** have to wear masks.
- **Health screening and temperature checks.** All staff will be asked to take their temperature each day and must be fever-free before arriving at Excelsior Covenant Preschool. The Excelsior Covenant Preschool staff will take all children's temperatures upon arrival, and staff will monitor student health throughout the day.
- **Restricted classroom access.** To minimize potential exposure, we ask that families not walk your child to their classroom when you arrive. Instead, please check in with staff in the lobby, and staff will walk your child to their classroom. Classrooms will be reserved for teachers and children only. (further instructions for drop-off & pick up will be sent out the week of August 10th)

- **Social distancing.** We'll continue to practice social distancing as much as possible to reduce risk. To minimize potential exposure, children will continue to keep distance from children and staff in other classrooms.
- **Classroom cleanliness.** Toys, playground equipment, and other high-touch surfaces will be regularly disinfected and rotated throughout the day. We will pause the use of sensory tables, play dough, large pillows or stuffed animals, and other materials that are difficult to clean.
- **Playground restrictions.** Outdoor play structures will be utilized by one class at a time, with increased time between play to allow for cleaning.
- **Field trips and events.** There will be no preschool events or trips, but classes may participate in classroom parties, no volunteers/visitors will be allowed.
- **Health screening and temperature checks.** On top of families taking children's temperatures at home, Excelsior Covenant Preschool staff will check temperatures upon arrival.
- **Stay home if sick.** Instead of 48 hours, we may require sick individuals to be symptom-free 72 hours before returning to the preschool.