



LAMB SCHOOL
18 MOS - KINDER

HEALTHY SCHOOL GUIDELINES 2021-2022

Lamb School Administration is keeping informed from multiple sources regarding the ongoing response to COVID-19. While we are not currently under any Emergency Orders from Childcare Regulations, we are maintaining best practices as outlined here to mitigate the virus at school and to keep children, families, and staff as safe as possible.

WELLNESS CHECKS

Please perform a wellness check on your child prior to arriving at school. Check for COVID symptoms and do a temperature check. Do not send children to school if they display a fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, loss of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, sore throat, chills or shivering, diarrhea, or vomiting.

Visual wellness checks will be performed daily at drop-off and throughout the day. Ill children will be sent home.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required but will be optional for those who desire to wear them during the school day. Face coverings will be required for the brief period during drop-off and pick-up to protect our staff and families.

VISITORS

Visitors are once again allowed in our facility. Once we begin curbside drop-off, however, we ask all parents use this method of drop-off and not park their vehicles and walk into the facility. Afternoon pick-up will be at the child's classroom door. Not only will this serve as a convenience to parents, but it will also minimize contact for our staff.

SHARED INDOOR SPACES

Older Preschool students will once again visit the STEAM Lab and the Music Room on a weekly basis with proper disinfection between groups of students. The indoor playscapes will remain closed before and after school until further notice.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

Students will have a set of classroom supplies for their personal use which will be stored separately to minimize spread of germs in the classroom. Items brought from home will be stored in the child's cubby throughout the day. For students in napping rooms, it is important that bedding be washed every week. It may be left during the week and kept in the child's cubby. Nap mats are provided and will be kept at school and disinfected after each use.

FACILITY SANITATION

We will continue to practice enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols throughout our facility. Surfaces and items regularly used will be routinely cleaned, sanitized and disinfected. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the day.

Lamb School will use an isolation room for students showing COVID-19 symptoms while in care until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. This area will be thoroughly cleaned as outlined by the CDC.

HEALTHY HAND HYGIENE

The best safeguard against germs at school is healthy handwashing routines. We will implement a schedule of handwashing throughout the day, teaching and assisting younger children the most effective techniques for proper handwashing. Hand sanitizer is available for staff and children above the age of 2 and can be used with supervision.

EXCLUSION FROM CARE & EXPOSURE RESPONSE

Individuals who are lab confirmed to have COVID-19 or experience the symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home for a safe period of self-quarantine throughout the infection period.

Staff and students may return to school when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- ★ At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications **AND**
- ★ The individual shows improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea etc) **AND**
- ★ At least ten days have passed since the symptoms first appeared

Individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms but are not evaluated by a healthcare provider are presumed COVID positive and the individual may not return to school until the above three criteria are satisfied.

Individuals may return to school prior to the quarantine period by

- ★ Obtaining a medical professional's note clearing the individual based on a differential diagnosis **OR**
- ★ Obtain a PCR test that comes back negative for COVID-19 and be symptom free

If a student or staff member has close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19, they must report this to Lamb School and remain off campus until

- ★ 10 days have passed and no symptoms have been present during health checks **OR**
- ★ 7 days have passed and no symptoms have been present during health checks with a negative PCR test performed on or after day 5 of quarantine

Close contact is defined as: (1) being directly exposed to infectious secretions or (2) being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors such as masking, ventilation and presence of symptoms may affect this determination. Individuals are presumed infectious 2 days prior to symptom onset up until 10 days after the symptoms presented. For an individual confirmed positive with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as 2 days prior to lab test confirmation and for ten days following.

Lamb School will communicate to families if a positive case occurs in a classroom and possible exposure has occurred. We will follow guidance from the health department regarding quarantine for a classroom or pod of students.

REPORTING

Lamb School will follow mandatory reporting requirements to the local health department and childcare regulations with confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 information is subject to change based on new information, changing environmental conditions or government mandates related to COVID-19. The Administration Team will do its best to communicate swiftly and with transparency. Thank you for your prayers and partnership as we work together to keep our community safe.