



Miss Sandie's School

Site-Specific Protection Plan

This Site-specific Protection Plan outlines our new policies and procedures. Social distancing with young children is a challenging effort. However, the guidelines in this plan aim to keep children and teachers safe and healthy, while ensuring children are in a nurturing and responsive environment.

These guidelines and considerations are based on the best available public health data at this time, and the practical realities of managing a child care program; as new data and practices emerge, the plan will be updated.



CLEANING PRACTICES

- We will introduce fresh, outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows and doors. When using air conditioning, the setting that brings in fresh air will be used.
- We will perform an enhanced professional cleaning every night when children are not present, especially on touched surfaces.
- Staff will regularly disinfect high touch surfaces, such as sink knobs, toilet handles, tables and door handles.
- High touch areas in outdoor play yards will also be cleaned between classroom use.
- We will encourage use of toys & manipulatives that are easy to clean and sanitize. Toys and activities that need to be cleaned will be set aside in a bin, then sanitized before being returned to the classroom. Items put in a child's mouth will also be cleaned and sanitized.
- The children's sink knobs, toilet handles and soap dispensers will be sanitized by the supervising teacher before and after each child's use. Children will be taught to use a tissue when using the toilet handle to flush (whenever possible). Again, children will wash their hands and use paper towels to dry their hands thoroughly.



HYGIENE

- We will use handwashing guidelines for all staff/children: 1) Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap, 2) Rub during application, and 3) Use paper towels to dry hands thoroughly.
- Children (and staff) will wash their hands immediately upon entering the school, and multiple times throughout the day (e.g., before and after meals, after playground use).
- For children age 2 and up, hand washing will be the suggested practice; however, hand sanitizer will be used when a sink is not immediately available. Children under 2 years old will wash their hands and will not use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be kept out of the reach of children.

- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the school. All of those entering the school need to use the hand sanitizer prior to entering (rub 20 seconds or until hands dry); hand washing will also be encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the school for staff use.
- To the extent possible, we will teach children to avoid contact with one's eyes, nose and mouth, and use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside their elbow.
- All personal items will be labeled and kept in a separate bag in the child's cubby to ensure personal items are separate from others. Stuffed animals and lovies should be kept at home.
- Nap time bedding (crib sheet and 1 blanket-only) will be kept in each child's cubby or labeled bin. All sheets and blankets need to be labeled with your child's name in Sharpie. Cots/mats will also be labeled with each child's name. All bedding will be brought home by the parent at the end of the week for washing.



ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Children and staff may not come to school or enter the school if having any signs or symptoms of Covid-19, any signs of illness or if exposed to Covid-19. Parents, children and staff should do self-checks at home before coming to school.
- Parents will be asked to help ensure that drop-off visits are brief and allow others in line an efficient and timely check-in/out process.
- Families will be greeted by staff outside of the school gate at the sign in/out table.
- One parent and child will come to the sign-in/out table in front of the school (outside) to check in your child. If possible, the same parent/caregiver should try to drop off and pick up the child every day. **Please do not bring grandparents or other children (if possible) to drop-off or pick-up*
- Face coverings to be worn at all times by all persons 12 years or older in line, and/or entering the school (except young children). Children age 2 years or older are welcome to wear face coverings. Children 0 to 2 years are not allowed to wear face coverings.
- When in line, maintain 6 foot distance from others in line, using the marking in six-foot increments (on ground) as guidance to maintain physical distancing.
- Parents/Guardians will check the child in and out using an app on their wireless phones.
- Parents/caregivers/visitors are not to enter the school. Instead, students will be escorted to their classroom by school staff. For pick-up, again, parents/caregivers will not enter the school. Instead, the child will be brought to the parent/caregiver by school staff.



HEALTH SCREENING

- At the sign-in table in front of the school a staff member will greet you and your child. We are so excited to see you all! The staff member will perform a quick Health Check.

Step 1 - Sanitizing: Parent and child use hand sanitizer located prior to the check-in (provided).

Step 2 – Visual Evaluation: Staff will conduct a visual inspection of the child to check for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness, and confirm that the child is not experiencing coughing or shortness of breath.

Step 3 –Wellness Check (Survey): Using an app on their phone, the parent/caregiver will be asked to confirm that the child does not have symptoms and has not been exposed to Covid-19. They will also be asked if the child has received fever reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol) in the past 24 hours. Those who answer yes will not be able to attend.

Step 4 – Temperature Taken: Before entering the school (& prior to parent departing), all children will have their temperature taken by school staff using a no-touch thermometer. Those with a fever of 100.4 or higher, or other signs of illness, will not be allowed to enter the school. Similarly, staff will have their temperature taken and will be sent home if they have a fever.

Step 5 – Hand Wash: A staff member will escort the child to class where they will first wash their hands.

Ongoing: Staff and children will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness. They will be sent home if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms; the child will be kept away from other students until their parents pick them up.



GROUP SIZING & STAFFING

- Children will remain in groups as small as possible. Should these guidelines differ from local health ordinances, the stricter guidance will be followed. We will keep the same children and teacher with each group.
- Note: Children cannot attend another camp at the same time that they are attending Miss Sandie's School.



CLASSROOM SPACE/PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- We will arrange developmentally appropriate activities for smaller group activities and rearrange furniture and play spaces to maintain 6 feet of separation, when possible. We will offer more opportunities for individual play, such as fine motor activities (drawing, coloring, cutting, puzzles). We will plan activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children.
- If possible, at nap time, children's naptime mats will be spaced out as much as possible, ideally 6 feet apart. We will arrange the head of each mat/cot alternatively, in opposite directions, to lessen the possible spread of illness between children.
- Again, taking advantage of nice weather and our many, spacious play yards, we will spend lots of time outside in the fresh air. Playground time will be staggered to reduce the number of children in the same area. We will clean outdoor play equipment between used by different groups of children.
- It is important to comfort crying, sad, and/or anxious infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and they often need to be held. To the extent possible, when washing, feeding, or holding very young children: Staff will protect themselves by washing their hands often and changing clothes if they become soiled. Each child will have a few changes of clothes on site to change into if their clothing becomes contaminated.



MEAL TIMES

- Children will spread out to the extent possible during meal times. Both students and staff (while preparing lunches) will practice proper handwashing before and after eating.
- **IMPORTANT:** Children will bring **ALL** food, meals **AND SNACKS**. During this time, Miss Sandie's will not be providing snacks.
- Surfaces (counters, tables) will be disinfected before and after meals. Infant bottles (e.g., caps, nipples etc.), sippy cups, plates, silverware will be cleaned by dishwashers.