

## FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

### Instructional- Health-Safety Plan

Fall 2020

Franklin United Methodist Preschool follows the same calendar and schedule as that of Franklin ISD. This plan is subject to change based on recommendations from the TEA, CDC and/or the church.

The Franklin United Methodist Preschool (FUMP) will implement a traditional preschool setting (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) with a teacher instructing in a classroom. New protocols have been established for the safety and health of all children and staff.

### Student and Staff Safety Protocols

#### Screening

1. All teachers and staff will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day. Teachers and staff will have their temperature taken. All staff members must report to the director if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry. Additionally, they must report to the director if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 and must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed. The director will report to the Chair of the Preschool Committee, if she herself evidences any COVID-19 symptoms or comes in direct contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Parents **must ensure** they **do not** send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 or the child has had close contact with an individual who is lab confirmed. The child may not return to school until the 14-day incubation period has passed.
3. All visitors to the preschool must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. Confirmed visitors must remain off campus until the re-entry requirements have been met or the 14-day incubation period has passed.

#### Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

1. Any individual who themselves either: (a) are lab confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the preschool screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
  - a. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
    - I. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
    - II. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
    - III. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared
2. In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to

have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the preschool until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

3. If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to the preschool before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's official note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are COVID-19 free via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>

### **Isolation Protocols for Students or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms**

- FUMP will immediately separate any child or staff who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school. The child should be picked up immediately or within one hour by a parent, guardian, or an approved emergency contact.
- FUMP will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at the preschool as soon as feasible.
- Children who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

**Protocols for Face Coverings:** FUMP will comply with the State of Texas order regarding the wearing of masks.

**Protocol for Visitors:** Visits to the preschool will be restricted to only those essential to school operations. During these visits, parents and other visitors must follow virus prevention and mitigation requirements.

### **Transportation:**

FUMP encourages parents and guardians to drop students off at the designated entrance. The child will be received at the door. During the first few weeks of school, parents will be allowed in the building to walk-in with their child. FUMP will practice social distancing while in the preschool.

### **Classrooms and Learning Environment**

- Each area will have hand sanitizer
- Restrooms will have antibacterial soap available for children's handwashing
- Staggered schedules for recess, lunch, restrooms, and movement in hallways

Equipment (musical instruments, such as hand sticks, egg shakers, etc., playground equipment/toys, used by multiple children will be cleaned after use.

## **COVID-19 Symptoms**

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

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| ** Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit | ** Headache                         |
| ** Loss of taste or smell   | ** Chills                           |
| ** Cough  | ** Sore throat                      |
| ** Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath   | ** Shaking or exaggerated shivering |
|   | ** Significant muscle pain or ache  |
|   | ** Diarrhea                         |

## **Close Contact**

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency. For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- a) being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
- b) being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield;

if either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time the infected individual was infectious.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.