

Preschool Parent Acknowledgement Health & Safety Practices in Response to the COVID-19

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) routinely monitors guidance from the CDC, VDSS and governing health agencies to ensure enhanced health and safety protocols are in place to maintain a healthy school environment for children, families and staff. Please sign at the bottom of this form acknowledging you have read and agree to these safety practices required to attend preschool.

Before Arrival:

Parents must take their child's temperature before coming to school each day. Symptoms which exclude a child or staff member from the program are: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste or smell, sore throat and/or muscle aches. These symptoms typically appear 2-7 days after being infected with COVID-19, so must be taken seriously. Children exhibiting symptoms may NOT come to school and must be symptom-free, without any medications, for 48 hours before returning to school.

Arrival and Departure: Classroom access will be restricted to employees and children only. Drop-off and pick-up will occur in a specific location outside where the teachers will meet your child. You will be asked to remain in your car. Parents arriving late to drop-off or early to pick-up must park and check in at the front desk to have the director/programmer escort your child to/from their classroom. Upon drop-off and pick-up, teachers will document time the child arrives or is released on your child's sign-in/out form. Arrival and pick-up times will be staggered to keep groups separated. These times will fall between 9:00-9:15am and 1:00-1:15pm. You will receive a special pass to display in your car window that identifies you as an authorized individual permitted to pick-up your child. Upon arrival, a staff member will conduct a brief health screening which includes using an infrared/non-contact thermometer to take your child's temperature while he/she is still in the car. You will be asked to answer a few simple questions regarding your child's health:

- What was your child's temperature this morning?
- Does your child have any symptoms of illness, such as dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches
- Was your child given any fever reducing medication?

We understand this protocol is out of the norm and may present challenges for your family. We will do our best to facilitate a smooth transition while making health and safety our number one priority.

Health Guidelines:

If your child is experiencing any of the aforementioned symptoms while at school, the teacher will contact you immediately to pick up your child. While we understand your child's symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, we must err on the side of caution. Your child must be symptom free without any medications (including fever reducing medicines) for 48 hours before returning to the school. If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or if you are made aware that someone in your household has come in contact with a person who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, a person who is advised to self-quarantine or a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, let our preschool director or center manager know as soon as possible. Staff are required to wear a mask during preschool. However, children will only be required to wear a face covering when 6' social distancing cannot be maintained. Staff will encourage 6' of social distancing at all times during the day and arrange areas of the room to promote space.

