

Kids' Co-op Preschool
COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures
2022-2023

As we begin to reopen for in-person classes, the Kids' Co-op is dedicated to providing the support that our families and children need. We are also committed to providing the best practices for the health and safety for our children, families, and communities. We believe that attending school is the center of a child's mental health, physical health, and social life. For many children, it is their only support system. We have been in close contact with our state licensing and health departments, and have been actively following CDC guidelines for preschools.

Our school has established a planning committee, composed of staff and parents, that carefully considered the current research, guidelines and recommendations, and our community needs. The following procedures and FAQ's will provide an overview of our current protocols, however, the minutes to our meetings are also available for those that have more questions on how we arrived at our decisions. The committee will continue to meet on a monthly or bimonthly basis throughout the year to accommodate changes that will occur.

Daily Procedures

Pick up and Drop off

- ❖ Children will be picked up and dropped off on the patios at the exterior classroom doors. Teachers will sign children in and out. Parents must answer a short health survey every day, prior to their child's entry into the building.
- ❖ All people entering the building must wash hands or use hand sanitizer immediately upon entry.
- ❖ Nonessential visitors, including parents who are not volunteering, will be limited. We encourage parents to mail tuition checks, and limit their time spent inside the building. ❖ Throughout the day, children's health and behaviors will be closely observed. Children or adults who are feverish, seem lethargic, or seem generally unwell will be asked to go home.

Increased sanitation and cleaning

- ❖ Hands will be washed before and after meals and snacks, before and after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, after blowing nose/assisting a child with blowing nose, after coughing or sneezing, and after sensory or art activities. ❖ If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer will be used.
 - ❖ Teachers and parents will have designated times throughout the day to clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, faucets, water dispensers, sinks, and large outdoor toys.
- ❖ The Kids' Co-op will provide PPE, including disposable gloves, disposable masks, sanitizer, and eye protection to parent volunteers.
- ❖ All toys will be sanitized weekly.

- ❖ Air filters will be changed at regular intervals.

Daily routines

- ❖ Outdoor activities will be increased, including the use of our patio spaces. Daily routines, such as circle time, may be moved outdoors if weather permits.
- ❖ Doors and windows will remain open to increase airflow within the building.
- ❖ Items on shelves will be limited, but frequently rotated.

Snack time

- ❖ Children will bring a personal water bottle labeled with the child's name. Disposable water bottles will be provided as necessary.
- ❖ An adult will serve all snacks, using gloved hands.

Parent volunteer requirements

- ❖ Parent volunteer requirements will remain the same as is listed in the handbook.
- ❖ Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be shared at Orientation.
- ❖ Committee requirements may be adjusted for the health and safety of families.

FAQ

What if my child is sick (non covid)? What if I am sick (non covid) AND I am a working parent?

If you or your child are sick and have NOT had close contact with a person with a positive COVID-19 test AND do not have a positive COVID test yourself, please stay home for at least 24 hours after symptoms are completely resolved without the use of medication. For example, if you become ill on Monday, but don't feel completely well without medication until Wednesday, please wait an additional 24 hours (until Friday), to return to school. Children should be kept home if they have a quickly spreading rash, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, mouth or body sores, rash with fever, or communicable diseases. Please refer to a complete list here: <https://nrckids.org/files/appendix/AppendixA.pdf>. In addition, if any person in the household displays any symptoms of COVID-19 and do NOT have a known contact with a person affected with COVID-19, all family members should remain home until these symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours without medication.

If you or your child has symptoms of COVID-19, AND have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, please self-isolate for 10 days at home. The CDC strongly recommends that people with COVID symptoms who have been exposed have a COVID-19 diagnostic test administered. Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever above 100.4, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, or new onset of a severe headache. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes. Please refer to the CDC website for more detailed information about COVID-19 at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

What happens if I have been exposed to COVID-19?

If you, your child, or a family member who lives in your household, has had close contact with a known COVID-19 patient, please isolate children at home for 10 days prior to returning to school. If you receive a diagnosis of COVID-19, please notify the school immediately.

What will we do if someone at school is diagnosed with COVID-19?

In accordance with CDC recommendations, if a child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the families in the classroom will be notified of the potential exposure. Our health and licensing department will be contacted.

Do I have to wear a mask?

No, currently Nevada regulations do not require the use of a mask. You may wear one if you wish. Disposable masks are available in the office. Vaccinated adults who have had an exposure must wear an N95 mask if on campus within 10 days of the exposure.

Does my child have to wear a mask?

Your child is not required to wear a mask, but may wear one if you desire.

Will my child get to play with children in other classes

Yes, students will co-mingle with other classes.

Will the teacher/child ratio remain the same? Will my child's class increase in size?

We will maintain our normal adult/child ratios of 1:4. We are currently enrolling at our normal class sizes, which fall well below the American Academy of Pediatrics, CDC, and SNHD recommendations for class sizes during the pandemic.

Will lunch bunch still be available?

We are happy to announce that lunch bunch has restarted this year!

Do I still have to volunteer in the classroom and on a committee? Will the time commitment remain the same?

Yes, you still need to volunteer in the classroom and a committee, although your duties and responsibilities may look a little different. We are closely looking at the expectations, and trying to maintain a similar time expectation. You are still welcome to use the volunteer or committee buyouts as listed in the handbook. We encourage you to speak to the board or staff if you feel unable to complete your duties.

Will school be moved to all online if we go back to Phase One?

The information we have is changing daily, and it is impossible to predict what the future may bring. However, we believe that the social and hands-on aspects of learning at our school are best done in-person. Our committee will continue to monitor our school and community needs. If the committee determines that the benefits of in-person learning no longer outweigh the

health risks, our school-wide community will be surveyed to determine the needs of our families.

Where can I get more information?

1. *If your child has tested positive for covid*, please review the following website: [Student COVID](#) The ill student(s) can return to school and end isolation once the following are met: · 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND

- Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
- Symptoms have improved.

If positive case tested positive, but has no symptoms:

- Must isolate from test date for 10 days

2. *If a member of the household has tested positive for covid but the child has no symptoms, child follows the [exposure guidelines](#):*

Parents, guardians, or caregivers of close contacts are advised to keep their children home for 10 days after exposure (from last day of contact with positive case) and to consult with the student(s)' healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 test. People who are not fully vaccinated should get tested immediately when they find out they are a close contact. If their test result is negative, they should get tested again 5–7 days after their last exposure (from last day of contact with positive case) or immediately if symptoms develop. Fully vaccinated adults may return to campus after 5 days, but must wear an N95 mask while within 6 feet of any individuals.

3. Please review the following flowcharts for ending isolation/quarantine:

[Ending Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines](#). You may also contact the school office for more information or clarification.

NOTE: Here are the complete links to copy/paste if needed:

Student COVID: https://www.cdc.gov/earlycare/pdf/329497-A_ECE_Isolation_SEPT-23-508.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jKd2jrXRJoJ9w8UpBM8G3a1q0UJOyeGZ/view>