

Frequent Asked Questions

COVID-19 Protocols

Q. How many children are in a classroom?

A. We are regulated by the Department of Children & Families and follow Florida Health Department guidelines and recommendations. Please note that class size changes periodically. At this time, the recommended capacity is 12 children per classroom. The children and teachers do not co-mingle with other classroom groups.

Q. Many parents send their children to school sick after giving them Tylenol and so on. So, how is this regulated?

A. We are counting on parents to be our partners. We strongly recommend parents be mindful of the health and safety of their child as well as the entire school population. As always, if a child begins to show any symptoms of illness, the child will be immediately taken to the school nurse for further assessment and parents will be called.

Q. Do parents need to fill out health questionnaire daily?

A. At the beginning of the year, parents will download the Brightwheel App. Every morning parents are required to fill out a health questionnaire. Our school nurse takes a temperature check before arrival to school.

Q. If a child has a little congestion (no fever nor other symptoms) what is the protocol?

A. All children showing symptoms of any illness will be immediately taken to the school nurse and parents will be immediately called.

Q. How are the outdoor spaces utilized and cleaned?

A. One classroom at a time is permitted to utilize outdoor spaces/ playground. Upon their exit of the playground/ outdoor area is disinfected, high points cleaned, and all surfaces sprayed.

Q. Do teachers wear masks?

A. Teachers are required to wear a mask at all times.

Q. What is the protocol for COVID-19 testing and/or quarantining in the event of a positive case? How will it be communicated to the rest of the class/parents?

A. If a child or teacher has been exposed/ in close contact with a COVID-19 positive, they must immediately leave campus or not come to school. The child will need to get a rapid AND PCR test. Until results are received, children may not return to school as determined by the Florida Department of Health.

If a child or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, the school will quarantine the entire class for 14 days and will be asked to PCR test 3 days prior to returning.

In addition, Department of Health will be contacted, and we will follow their protocol and guidance as to next steps and will immediately notify the families. Parents in the class will be notified immediately.

Q. Will staff be testing themselves weekly/ monthly?

A. Teachers are required to be tested if there is suspicion of contact or display COVID-19 related symptoms.

Q. What happens when parents organize large events (after school) or travel during breaks?

A. We have strict protocols for school closings. We take it upon ourselves to make recommendations. At the school's discretion, we require a PCR negative to return to school. A travel survey is filled out prior to each holiday (Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Passover etc.)

Q. In the event of suspicion of a COVID-19 related case, will the institution be testing the children for COVID-19?

A. No, the school does not test children or staff.

Q. What happens if a family has children in different classes and one of the classes closes because of a possible case. Do both children from that family stay home?

A. The child in the affected class will quarantine and get tested.

Q. How effective are temperature checks if the children can be asymptomatic and not have a fever, but still spread the disease?

A. Temperature checks and daily questionnaire are the mandated initial "point of entry" to our school.

Q. What happens when MDCPS closes due to COVID-19?

A. The Suzy Fischer Early Childhood is licensed as a State Childcare Care Facility and therefore is considered "essential". Our school does not follow MDCPS COVID-19 closures.