

Safety Precautions

Pre-K 4 SA is here to continue providing a safe and welcoming environment where children can continue learning and receive a high-quality early childhood education. We have been busy all summer adding new safety features and sanitation protocols to keep the virus out of the building and reduce the chance of an outbreak.

■ Contactless check-in and dismissal process

- Curbside check-in and dismissal processes at our Education Centers.
- Maximum of 10 children on bus to allow adequate social distancing.
- See Arrival/Dismissal procedures for additional detail.

■ Reduced classroom sizes

- Class sizes will be reduced to a maximum of 10 children in a classroom designed for 20 to allow ample room for the children to spread out.

■ Education Center modifications

- Tables and chairs are sanitized before and after each use.
- Plexiglass table dividers allow children and teachers to safely sit near one another.
- Individualized materials—children put materials in cleaning bin when done playing to ensure they are cleaned before the next work time. Classroom materials are cleaned while children rest.
- HVAC systems have been modified to provide better air filtration and more fresh air.
- Touchless sinks, toilets, doors and paper towel dispensers mean fewer opportunities for hands (big and little) to spread germs.

■ Personal Protective Equipment

- Children will wear masks into the building. As children arrive in the classroom, they will put away their cloth face mask and put on their face shield before joining the teacher. Face shields ensure children's coughs and sneezes are covered and are more comfortable than face masks for children to wear for long periods of time. At the end of the day, the children will put away their face shields and put on their cloth face masks before they are dismissed.
- Teachers will wear face masks and/or face shields.
- All personnel are required to wear face masks.

■ Healthy habits

- Children sanitize their hands before going to the work area.
- Pre-K 4 SA has always taught children healthy habits (how to brush their teeth, eat vegetables, and properly wash hands). This year, we are adding new lessons that teach children the proper way to put on masks and face shields, and the importance of handwashing and sanitation as part of general routine of safety and healthfulness. Children will also be taught the importance of telling an adult when we feel sick.
- Pre-K 4 SA will provide supplies for children, including personal water bottles.
- Any items brought into the building by an adult (e.g., purse, lunch bag) will be sanitized upon entry.
- Nursing staff will help monitor for symptoms in children and staff through the day.

■ Rest time

- Pre-K 4 SA provides individual mats and blankets for the children.
- Mats and blankets will be stored in individual slots/shelves.
- Mats are cleaned and sanitized at least 2x / week.
- Mats are spread throughout the room and children lie head to toe.

■ Mealtime

- Meals and snacks will be individually packaged to reduce cross contact.
- The teacher will wear gloves while serving meals.
- Children will be spaced apart or seated at a table with plexiglass partitions.