



## **Addendum to Operational Polices Concerning Covid-19 Pandemic** (updated June 2022)

As we continue to navigate the pandemic BBPS has instituted the following policies in effort to minimize the effects of the Covid-19 on the operation of the Pre-School.

I have recently checked with our Texas Child Care Licensing Representative and the Brazos County Health Department to clarify the rules we must follow concerning Covid-19. Currently The Brazos County Health Department guides us through recommendations, and we must follow their directives to the best of our abilities. To my understanding, these are not the same rules that the school districts are following.

**MASKED STAFF** We are currently not masked, but will implement masking if needed, or directed by Brazos County Health Department.

**CLASSROOM SEPERATION** We are not currently socially distancing (by classroom separation), but will return to class separation and not mixing the classrooms if needed or directed to by the Brazos County Health Department.

**ENCOURAGED FRONT DOOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP** BBPS is currently open and parent parents are welcome to come in and will drop off and pick up their child(ren) in the Pre-School. We will return to the policy below if needed or directed to by the Brazos County Health Department.

*We encourage Parent Drop Off and Pick Up at the Front Door, we will have someone assigned to the Front Door to facilitate Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups daily from 7-9am and 3-6pm. At this point in time parents are allowed to come in the facility, but they must be masked. My intention is to limit the number of bodies that come in the facility, hopefully limiting Covid-19 exposure to staff and children. I cannot refuse your right to come in the facility (at this time) if your child is present, I do feel that Front Door Drop Off and Pick Up will be of help in trying to limit the spread of Covid-19 at the facility.*

**PROTOCOL FOR STAFF THAT TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19** If a BBPS Staff Person tests positive for Covid-19, the Staff Person will be required to Quarantine for 5 days away from the Pre-School. We will notify parents of children that have had exposure with the Covid-19 Positive Staff member. This notification will be through the BrightWheel App.

**PROTOCOL FOR A PARENT SIBLING OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OF A CHILD** If a Parent, Sibling or Household Member to a BBPS Child exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 they should seek COVID-19 testing promptly. Please keep the BBPS child home until their test result is obtained. If a Parent, or BBPS Sibling or Household Member of a BBPS Student is diagnosed with Covid-19, the BBPS child will need to quarantine for 5 days after the positive diagnoses.

**PROTOCOL FOR COVID POSITIVE BBPS CHILD** If a BBPS Child tests positive for Covid-19 we may have to close their classroom for 10 days from the last day that the child attended class. Closures at this point in time are based on multiple positive results in any particular classrom Please notify Carrie or Krista immediately if your child tests positive. We will notify class of closure ASAP via the BrightWheel App. If we learn of this positive result mid-day, we will need to have parents come pick up their children immediately to reduce the risk of further transmission.

**CLEANING AND SANTIZING** We have always been committed to following strict sanitizing procedures and during this time, we have enhanced the process which may result in fewer items being made available to children as they are constantly being sanitized and rotated. We have and will continue to place more emphasis on cleaning frequently used items and touch spots such as door knobs, light switches and chairs. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently and appropriately with soap and water. All individuals will need to wash hands upon entering the building, after coming in from outside, using the restroom, diapering a child, after sand or water play, after physical contact with a children or adult, before serving meals or administering medication, and as often as possible in between. Hand Sanitizer is available for times when a hand washing sink is not nearby.

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION** We will not administer over the counter fever reducing medication during this time, we will consider dispensing (with parent approval) it if we are certain that a child is teething, or a doctor is prescribing an over-the-counter medication.  
**Nebulizer Treatments-** We will not administer Nebulizer Treatments for the time being. If your child is asthmatic, you may provide us an inhaler and a spacer to administer the inhaler as needed. Or you can come to the school and we will provide you with 2 chairs on the front porch near an electrical outlet and you can administer the treatment yourself.

**KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE SICK** We ask that parents please proceed with extra caution regarding illness. If your child is displaying even slight symptoms of any illness, please be considerate to all and keep your child home. Children and staff will be sent home if they display any of the following symptoms:

- Cough            -Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing            -Chills   -Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain   -Headache            -Sore throat            -Loss of taste or smell            -Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or temperature greater than or equal to 100.04° Fahrenheit

**CHILD SICK WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS**

**\*\*Children need to be symptom and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.**

**For confirmed cases of COVID-19,** we will notify both the Brazos County Health Department and our Texas Childcare Licensing Representative and we will proceed per their instructions.

**Tuition:**

Absence from school due to illness or for mandated classroom/school quarantines will not affect tuition due. Please see our Parent Handbook for absence policy and your copy of the signed financial agreement. If there is a "Shelter in Place Order" an assessment will be made of what tuition for BBPS to remain financially solvent, to remain open, or to be able to reopen, and save your child's space.

**Special Events:**

We will be having all planned Special Events as planned.

*If needed or suggested by the Brazos County Health Department, we will assess the current situation to determine if we will have our scheduled special events.*

We retain the right to modify and/or change these policies based on Local, State or National Mandates, CDC and/or Texas Licensing Guidelines or if we believe it is in the interest of our school family. We will do our best to notify you in a timely manner (via BrightWheel) whenever possible of any changes that may occur.

As always, our goal at BBPS is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for each and every child and staff member. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences that may result from our Covid-19 policies, we are committed to minimizing the risk for all those within our school family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call and I would be happy to discuss your concerns.

Thank you for your attention and patience- Carrie & Krista