

# **Thomas Christian Preschool**

## **Safe and Healthy Environment**

**TCP will increase cleaning and disinfecting protocols.**

**Teachers will be sanitizing the classroom surfaces (tables, chairs, light switches, bathrooms, etc) before**

**and after class, before eating, and after the use of high touch.**

**TCP will utilize bleach/water solutions, and approved EPA disinfectants for cleaning. In addition, we will be continuing to have the building cleaned weekly. Hand washing and sanitizing will continue to be a priority.**

**Each child will have their own box of supplies including crayons, pencils, scissors, and glue.**

**TCP will Increase ventilation in our classrooms by opening windows daily, when weather permits.**

**TCP will modify layouts at our group times (snack, lunch, circle time) where feasible, using separate rooms to promote social distancing.**

**TCP will ask families to forgo the use of backpacks for the time being.**

**TCP will be mindful of our use of disposable items for painting, creating etc. as an attempt to reduce the spread of germs. Where this is not feasible, (ex: paintbrushes, blocks, books) we will increase our cleaning and sanitizing procedures.**

**TCP will remove “dress up” clothes and other items in the play area that do not provide easy sanitizing solutions.**

# Staying Healthy

TCP teachers are required to self-screen before coming to school.

Teachers exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise exposed, are prohibited from coming to school. Self-screening includes moving through the symptom list, looking to identify the presence of each symptom.

TCP will implement strict adherence to sick policies. If a child has a fever greater than 100 degrees F, sore throat, diarrhea or vomiting, your child will not be permitted to be at school.

If anyone in your family has been diagnosed or exposed to COVID, please alert us. We will ask that you and your child self-quarantine for 14 days for the safety of all involved.

We realize most parents do not knowingly send sick children to school.

Because of that, we will not be utilizing daily temperature checks for all children though we will ask that you take your child's temperature daily before arriving at school. We will take a temperature if needed during the school morning.

If your child shows any signs of sickness we will call for your child to get picked up.

TCP will increase hand washing and continue to teach and monitor the appropriate method of this important tactic. (Using the ABC method we have previously used)

# **Arrival and Dismissal**

**TCP will adjust building access and drop off/pick up routines. To decrease the number of adults in our building, each family will wait socially distant outside until the teacher opens the door for the children to come into the building. The child will be greeted by one of his/her teachers and brought directly to the classroom. There will be marked places for the children to stand on.**

**Adults will be required to wear face coverings at pick up and drop off. Your teachers will send more guidance as school begins as to which door you will use. Pick up will be completed in the same routine.**

**TCP welcome families use of the playground on the weekends and evenings but not during the school day or pick up times. This is an effort to keep numbers of children low and to avoid mixing of large groups.**

**TCP will supply our teachers with face coverings to be worn when in direct contact with children.**

**Children ages 3-5 will be asked to bring a mask to school. As per the governor's order, we intend to start our year with children in face coverings.**

**When we will be 6 feet apart, the children will be allowed to drop their masks.**

**TCP recommends parents purchase breakaway lanyards or the gator masks.**

# **Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property**

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on school property, TCP will contact the Health Department immediately. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, TCP will work with the local health department to assess factors such as the likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building, the number of cases in the community, and other factors that will determine building closure, if necessary.