

2021-2022 Covid-19 Protocols

We cannot guarantee no exposure and we understand there will be acknowledged risk in attending preschool; however, we can assure that FBC Weekday Preschool is taking steps to make our school as safe as possible. The following are the Covid-19 protocols to be implemented.

Drop-off/Pick-up and Screening

- All staff and children will participate in a daily health screening.
- A covid questionnaire will need to be completed by parents and staff members daily upon check-in via the Brightwheel App.
- Parents will be required to drop-off children in the car rider line or park and walk the child up to the outside door. There will be designated pick-up areas for each class. Staggered drop off and pick up times will be implemented.
- Only children and staff who are required for daily operations will be allowed inside the building regularly. The only exception would be specialized services and emergencies.

Health Management

- Preschoolers will not be required to wear a mask.
- Masking is optional for preschool staff.
- Preschoolers will not be required to social distance within their own classroom family, but teachers will be mindful of distancing.
- Handwashing and sanitizer use will be provided throughout the day and proper handwashing procedures will be reinforced.
- All classrooms will be equipped with disinfecting sprays, cleaners, and sanitizer.
- Toys and resources will be cleaned throughout the day and sanitized at the end of each day.
- Each classroom family will remain together at all times. Separate classes are not to mingle together.
- School events/activities that involve bringing together larger groups of children or parents will be adapted and modified to maintain social distancing and class cohorts.

- Chapel will be modified to reduce exposure to other classes.
- Staff and families will be educated and continually updated on enhanced sanitation practices, social distancing guidelines, and screening practices.

Use of Facilities

- Common areas, frequently touched surfaces and bathrooms will be cleaned regularly throughout the day by the assistant teachers. The director will help with cleaning as needed.
- The water fountain will not be operational. Children will need to bring their own water bottles, labeled with their name.
- Supervised hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the school.
- The playground will be used by one class at a time.

Exposure Protocol

While we are taking every precaution to reduce the risk of any students or staff being exposed to Covid-19, we have put protocols in place in the event of an exposure.

- Children exhibiting symptoms will be asked to not attend school for **5 days** from onset of symptoms and/or 48 hours after cough and fever are resolved without medication.
- Children with any illness will need to be symptom free without medication for at least 48 hours before returning to school.
- **Children who have been determined to be exposed will not be required to quarantine unless symptoms develop.**

When to Stay Home:

Your child should stay home if:

- Experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms including but not limited to:

Fever of 100.4 or greater	Sore throat
Chills	Diarrhea
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Nausea/vomiting
New cough	New onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
New loss of Taste or Smell	

Clear, runny nose and watery eyes are not COVID-19 symptoms and do not in themselves require keeping a child home from school. However, either of those symptoms in conjunction with a second symptom listed above prevents a child from attending school until symptom free for at least 48 hours.

- Children who present with Covid-like symptoms during the school day will be quarantined, while supervised, and parents will be responsible for picking them up immediately.
- If a child or staff member has a confirmed case of Covid-19, parents of those determined to be in close contact will be notified.
- Close contact is when persons are within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes cumulatively over a 24-hour period.
- The circumstances of each Covid-19 case are different. Our local health department will guide the director in making the final decisions about isolation requirements for individuals who test positive for Covid-19, the need for quarantine of individuals potentially exposed, and how long quarantine should last.
- In the event of a closure due to national, state, or regional disaster such as a pandemic, tuition will be charged for the first two weeks of the current month. Reevaluation will be made if the closure extends beyond this period.
- If a staff member, student, or household member of a student tests positive or begins experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, the director should be notified immediately.

Example Scenarios

Scenario	Criteria to return to preschool
<p>1) Child/staff member has symptoms of Covid-19 AND has tested positive.</p> <p>If a child/staff member has symptoms of Covid-19 but has not been tested nor has visited a health care provider, the person is a presumptive positive case and the same criteria to return will apply.</p>	<p>The positive person must complete 5 days of isolation (isolation should begin from the first day of symptoms; if asymptomatic, isolation will begin from the day of testing positive) AND at least 48 hours of no fever/diarrhea/vomiting without medication AND other symptoms are improving.</p>

Scenario	Criteria to return to preschool
<p>2) Child/staff member has symptoms of COVID-19 but has received a negative test for COVID-19 or has visited a health care provider and received an alternate diagnosis that would explain the symptoms of COVID-19.</p>	<p>At least 48 hours of no fever without medication AND has felt well for at least 48 hours.</p>
<p>3) Child/staff member has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.*</p>	<p>Individuals determined to be exposed to Covid-19 will NOT be required to quarantine unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, please see scenario 1 for criteria to return to school. Parents will be notified of a potential exposure from school and can opt to quarantine their child if they would like to.</p>
<p>4) Child/staff member is a household member of someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.</p> <p>If the household member is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 but has not been tested nor has visited a health care provider, the person is a presumptive positive case and the same criteria to return will apply.</p>	<p>Individuals determined to be exposed to Covid-19 will NOT be required to quarantine unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, please see scenario 1 for criteria to return to school.</p>
<p>5) Child/staff person is a household member of someone who has symptoms of COVID19 and has received a negative test for COVID-19.</p>	<p>Individuals determined to be exposed to Covid-19 will NOT be required to quarantine unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, please see scenario 1 for criteria to return to school.</p>
<p>6) Child/staff person is a household member of someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, but symptomatic person has visited a health care provider and received an alternate diagnosis that would explain the symptoms.</p>	<p>Individuals determined to be exposed to Covid-19 will NOT be required to quarantine unless symptoms develop.</p>

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7) Two siblings attend the preschool together. Once tests positive and the other tests negative.	The child with the positive test will need to isolate for 5 days. The classmates and teachers in close contact with the positive child will NOT need to quarantine unless symptoms develop . The sibling that tested negative will NOT need to quarantine unless symptoms develop . If symptoms develop, please see scenario 1 for criteria to return to school.

*Documentation of negative test results is NOT required in order to return to school.

*Due to privacy laws, the school cannot disclose the medical information of the staff, therefore we will be assigning quarantine as if all staff have not been vaccinated.

Tuition

- Tuition fees will remain the same as stated on the registration form for the 2021-2022 school year.
- If the school is open but your child is absent for any reason (including required quarantine), tuition will not be prorated and regular tuition will be due.
- If the school is mandated to close for more than a two-week period due to a pandemic, tuition charges will cease at the end of the current month until school reopens, then normal tuition charges will be due.
- If a specific class is required to close for a two-week period, tuition will not be prorated. Teachers of the quarantined class will be required to provide resources for at home learning.



By providing your digital signature in Brightwheel, you are acknowledging the following:

- I understand that FBC Weekday Preschool will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and safety of our students while attending the preschool.
- I have read and will abide by the Covid-19 protocols.
- I will take full responsibility for any illness that my child(ren) may contract while attending FBC Weekday Preschool.
- I understand that the protocols in this document are subject to change at the discretion of the preschool director and preschool board.