Covid-19 Health and Safety Plan – 2022-2023 School Year

Zwingli Nursery School

Souderton, PA*

*In accordance with the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)

Required elements of this plan include:

1. Screening procedures/monitoring children and staff health
2. Child drop-off and pick-up policies
3. Sick policies
4. Mask policy
5. Cleaning/sanitation procedures

Additional element included:

6. Social distancing and other safety protocols

Screening procedures

- Use the Illness Indicator/Sick Day Guidelines to determine when students should stay home from school during the school year. Guidelines at end of this document.
- Masking will be required for staff and students if Zwingli United Church of Christ requires masking. Families will be notified if masking situation changes. (Zwingli generally follows CDC guidelines which depend on local illness rates.)
- Masking is always welcome for those who choose.
- Zwingli encourages vaccination for Covid-19 whenever possible.
Child drop-off and pick-up policies

- When you bring your child to school, please park in a marked parking space and bring your child into the building and to the classroom door.
- When you pick your child up from school, please park your car in a marked parking space and take turns walking up to collect your child from entrance of building. One parent/authorized person at a time will meet child at the first set of double doors. Teachers will bring students to the building’s entrance and dismiss them one at a time to ensure optimal safety and distancing protocols.
- Additional Inclement Weather Pick-Up Time Procedure: On days that it is raining/snowing, please pull your car up to the carport. A car pick-up line will then be created. When it is your turn to pull up under the carport, put your car in park, turn your car off, and then collect your child in an expedient manner. If you would like to have a conversation with the teacher, please let her know and she will call you when you get home. While your car is waiting in line, do not exit your car until you pull up to the main doors to pick up your child. This is for everyone’s safety.

Sick policies

- At first sign of possible illness, teachers will contact parents for pick up.
- Sick child will be isolated on mat by adult bathroom in classroom.
- School will follow Montgomery County and CDC health guidelines for any mandatory reporting of Covid-19 illness, including notifying Montgomery County Department of Health and the PA Department of Human Services. Per the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the teachers and/or school board will inform parents of the positive case (one case being considered an outbreak).
- Other considerations include protecting children and staff at higher risk for severe illness, protocols for children with complex needs, and strategic deployment of staff. Strategies to address these considerations will be developed, if needed. Substitutes will be available for staff, if the need arises.

Mask policy

- Masking will be required for staff and students if Zwingli United Church of Christ requires masking. Families will be notified if masking situation changes. (Zwingli generally follows CDC guidelines which depend on local illness rates.)
• Should students be required to wear masks, they should be ear loop-style, as opposed to tie-behind.
• Parents will need to educate children on how to put on and take off masks properly and discuss the importance of wearing them.

Cleaning/sanitation procedures

• High touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected, as needed (door handles, light switches, etc.)
• Tables will be cleaned frequently, including before and after snack time.
• Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the building.
• Ventilation practices will be implemented, when possible; for example, classroom doors and windows may be opened when main double doors to classroom are locked.

Social distancing and other safety protocols

• Assigned seating, “airplane arms,” and nametags will be implemented to ensure social distancing.
• Snack will be at assigned seats or outside while maintaining a proper distance.
• Hands will be washed at the start of day, before snack, and after bathroom and playground use.
• Signs will be posted to promote hygienic practices: at the main entrance of building, on the education wing’s doors, on the bulletin board outside of the classroom, in the student bathroom, and in the classroom.
• Conducting class outside will be a priority, when planned activities allow and weather permits.
• Any protocol changes relevant to the school day/program will be communicated to families by the teachers and/or school board.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan Affirmation Statement

The Zwingli Nursery School Board of Directors for Zwingli Nursery School reviewed and approved the Phased Child Care Facility Reopening Health and Safety Plan on July 11, 2022.