



# Saline Cooperative Preschool

Learn, Play, Grow... Together!

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## COVID-19 FACTS FOR CAREGIVERS

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### SOCIAL DISTANCING

In order to allow adequate space between students when possible, we have assessed our enrollment numbers and will limit our class sizes to 12 or fewer students. The teacher and assist parents will teach and model creating space and avoiding unnecessary touching. Areas where students gather will be marked to accommodate additional space.

### MASKS

It is our priority to not only protect our staff and students but also continue to be a welcoming place for our children. Policy for student mask wearing will be reviewed in accordance with the health department as our opening date nears. Assist parents will wear face coverings. The school will provide disposable adult and youth masks if someone should require one. Otherwise, we are asking the helping parents to bring one of their own. Additional adults who must enter the building will also need to wear a mask.

### HEALTH CHECKS

Prior to entering the building, caregivers will complete a digital health check via Google form. On arrival, a helping parent will be stationed outside the entry door to check temperatures of students and provide hand sanitizer before entering the building. Helping parents will also check their temperatures at home before they leave for their assist shift. When they arrive at the school they will have their temperature rechecked by a teacher or staff member. Any students or staff that exhibit covid-related symptoms or a temperature of 100.4 or above will not be allowed to enter the building.

### HANDWASHING/SANITIZER

Everyone entering the building will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Staff, helping parents, and students will frequently wash or sanitize their hands during class time, before and after snack, and before and after using the restroom, gym or playground. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be available for helping parents and teachers to use at stations as students move between activities.

### ENHANCED CLEANING

We will increase sanitizing efforts and strength of products used to clean at the end of every day, particularly surfaces that are touched by many people (railings, lunch tables, playground equipment, door handles, toys, teaching and learning aids, etc.) Toys and items that cannot be easily sanitized will be removed from the classrooms, including playdoh, sensory bins, and cloth toys.

## **SNACK**

Students will bring their own individual snacks prepared at home to limit exposure.

## **GYM/PLAYGROUND**

Students will use hand sanitizer before and after any gross motor time outside or in the gym. We encourage parents to pack rain gear, boots, gloves, hats, or other outside gear to increase outdoor play.

## **WATER SYSTEMS**

The water cooler will not be utilized. Students will be asked to bring their own individual water bottles that are not to be shared. We will provide a container of water and paper cups in the classroom as needed.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

We will make a decision about field trips as we get closer to the scheduled dates, in accordance with school district and state guidelines. If field trips are canceled, we will look into the possibility of bringing safe field trip experiences to the school such as a pumpkin hunt on school grounds in lieu of our apple orchard field trip.

## **MEET THE TEACHER DAY**

We believe our tradition of having a “Meet the Teacher Day” is valuable for our students, and often makes the first day of school much less stressful for them. We will continue with this activity on a by-appointment schedule that will keep numbers low and allow for cleaning time between groups.

## **HELPING PARENT/SUB LIST**

We will work to create a deeper substitute list for our teacher in case she is sick or for helping parents if they cannot make their assigned days. Having a number of sub options allows all our families to make the necessary call to stay home if they are concerned about illness and will be very important in keeping our students in school while keeping all of our families safe.

## **CHILDREN THAT ARE CONSIDERED HIGH RISK**

Parents of children that are considered high risk should talk with their child’s doctor and develop a care plan. The teacher will then work with the family to make reasonable accommodations.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

If the school needs to close due to an outbreak at the school or dangerously high levels of illness within our area, families will be immediately notified and those days **WILL NOT** be made up. Tuition will be refunded for non-attended months.

## **CONTINUED GUIDANCE**

We can and will adjust this plan as we move forward. As state guidelines change or as we receive more information from local school districts, we will reevaluate our policies to ensure the safety of your family and our community.

## **Contact information**

**Scoop Cooperative Preschool: 734-429-0685, leave message for Health Chair Washtenaw County Health Department: 734-544-6700 Covid cases can also be reported through the online portal: <https://www.washtenaw.org/3200/Report-a-COVID-19-Case-or-Concern> Michigan Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-535-6136. Open seven days a week from 8:00 am - 5:00**