## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL, INC. Health & Safety Amendment to the Parent Contract Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic 2020-2021 School Year (January 2021 Start Date)

We must all accept responsibility to do whatever we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. We can only ensure everyone's health and safety are a priority, if EVERYONE follows the regulations that follow. We are relying on your honesty and compassion for others.

- 1. A student will not be allowed to attend preschool if he/she is ill. Your child should be checked for symptoms every day before leaving home. If your child is even a "little bit" sick, STAY HOME! Does your child have any of these symptoms (prior to administering medication)?
  - Fever or chills OR a temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Sore throat, Congestion, Body Aches, Fatigue
  - Cough (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
  - Headache

If your child has had any of the above symptoms, our updated policy is: Your child must be SYMPTOM-FREE for 48 hours (after symptoms have subsided) before returning\* to preschool.

\*If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, he/she may return to preschool with a written clearance from a healthcare provider, after at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and he/she has been fever-free (without the use of medication) for at least 48 hours.

\*If your child (or anyone in their household) had close contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, he/she needs to STAY HOME and self-quarantine for 14 days to monitor symptoms.

(\*per recommendations noted with <a href="https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus-resource-center">https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus-resource-center</a>, dated September 25, 2020)

If either of the above two scenarios occurs, contact the preschool IMMEDIATELY (717-867-2106).

- 2. If a student begins to show symptoms while at preschool, the student's parent/guardian will be called\* and will be expected to pick up their child <u>immediately</u>. The student will be removed from the classroom, and a teacher will stay with the student in the exterior entranceway until the parent/guardian arrives.
  - \*It is IMPERATIVE that we have a phone# that will connect us to you, immediately.
- 3. If a teacher or aide becomes ill and receives a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, a substitute will be called. If a substitute is not available, it is possible your child's class may be cancelled for a day or more. The effects of the pandemic and the option of virtual learning (for older siblings) has thinned our substitute list.
  - \*\*\*Everyone is connected in our BB family. Parents of all students (in all classes, if necessary) will be notified, via email. It is **IMPORTANT** that we have a <u>current email address</u> that you will be <u>checking daily</u>.
- 4. Arrival and Dismissal/Pick-Up procedures have changed.
  - Arrangements must be made for siblings and any child(ren) under your care other than your BB student), as we cannot have so many people enter the building. A suggestion, if you must have other children with you: Organize a "switch" with another parent -- Have him/her stay with your car (where the other children remain), while you bring your kiddo into preschool. After you exit, switch with the other parent, if they also have other children with them. Exception: Infants in baby carriers are allowed to be with you and your preschooler in the building.

## Arrival:

A parent/guardian (wearing a cloth face mask – required while in our exterior entrance and inside the building) will walk their kiddo (wearing a cloth face mask) to our exterior entrance, where all will be distanced by 6 feet, heading down the concrete steps. The student's temperature will be checked, while the parent/guardian signs a Symptoms Questionnaire before entering the hallway each school day. Parents/Guardians will take their kiddo to the bathroom where the parent/guardian will wash and dry their kiddo's hands. Adults must immediately leave the building after hands have been washed and dried.

Dismissal/Pick-Up:

Dismissal/Pick-Up times have been adjusted (see letter dated October 2020), in order for the teachers to have time to clean and disinfect in between and after classes. At the time of your child's dismissal (**We expect you to be PROMPT**.), the teacher or aide will bring the kiddos up to the parking lot. You must park your car and be visible (outside your car), so we can guide your child to you.

- 5. In order to help improve ventilation in the hallway and the classroom, a window will be open in the exterior entrance during Drop-Off.
- 6. Teachers, Aides and students are required to wear cloth face masks in the classroom and during Arrival and Dismissal/Pick-Up. The teacher/aide will wear a face shield, in addition to a cloth face mask, when appropriate. Please, wash your child's cloth face mask after use. Only clean cloth face masks should be worn when arriving to preschool. (We ask you to keep an additional clean cloth face mask in your child's school bag.)
- 7. Each student will receive their own individually-bagged, frequently-used art supplies which will be stored separately, by class, at preschool.
- 8. At the end of each week, a professional cleaning service will be cleaning and disinfecting our classroom, bathroom, hallway and entrance-way with approved EPA cleaning products. Of course, this weekly cleaning is in addition to the increased daily cleaning by the teachers and aides.
- 9. Tuition will not be refunded, if your child(ren) cannot attend due to illness or quarantine. Tuition will not be refunded if his/her class needs to close due to a teacher's or other student's COVID-19 diagnosis, or if quarantine time is necessary due to a teacher or student being in close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19. During this unprecedented time, our business needs the financial stability of a sustainable income. As we have not received any funding/financial assistance through Small Business/Pandemic-based Grants, the monthly tuition is our only source of income.
- 10. Our staff is doing everything possible to keep your child's health a priority during this unprecedented time. You need to be aware of the fact that this is a virus, and exposure is a possibility. We cannot guarantee no exposure; however, we are doing everything we can to minimize the spread of COVID-19. By signing below, you release Bright Beginnings Preschool, Inc. of any liability in the event an illness (including COVID-19) affects your child, your family or anyone who would have been in close contact with your child during his/her time at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Annville.

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I have read, and I accept the Bright Beginnings Preschool Health & Safety Amendment to the Parent
Contract, and I understand that changes are possible from now throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
Printed name of parent/guardian:
Signature of parent/guardian:
Date:
Printed name of child attending BB Preschool: