

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL, INC.
Health & Safety Amendment to the Parent Contract
Coronavirus (COVID-19)
2021-2022 School Year

We must all accept responsibility to do whatever we can for your (our) children. We can only ensure everyone's health and safety are a priority, if EVERYONE follows the regulations that follow. You will find some points have been updated from our Parent Contract. 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! We reserve the right to call you to pick up your child, if we feel he/she should not be in school. (see #2) 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, Eye redness, 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 or variant**, 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 or variant**, he/she needs to STAY HOME and self-quarantine for 10-14 days to monitor symptoms.

(*per recommendations noted with <https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus-resource-center>, dated July 20, 2021 (addition information about vaccines and "Coronavirus and Kids" is accessible via this link, as well), and per guidance from the Director of Emergency Services of Lebanon County).

****If either of the above two scenarios occur, 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 **immediately**. 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.**

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 **current email address** that you will be checking daily.

4. Arrival and Dismissal/Pick-Up

Only one (1) adult (per child and twins) is allowed to enter the building during Arrival and Dismissal.

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. Exception: Infants in baby carriers are allowed to be with you and your preschooler in the building. Please, see attached note regarding our "teaming up" suggestion.

Arrival:

A parent/guardian (**Unvaccinated adults are required to wear a cloth face mask** while in our exterior entrance and inside the building) will walk their child(ren) (wearing a cloth face mask***) to our exterior entrance, where all will be distanced by several feet. The parent/guardian will sign a Symptoms Questionnaire before the child enters the classroom each school day. Parents/Guardians will take their child to the bathroom where the parent/guardian will wash and dry their child's hands. Or hand sanitizer will be available, if your child does not need to use the toilet.

Dismissal/Pick-Up:

At the time of your child's dismissal (**We expect you to be PROMPT.**), please enter the building and remain distanced until the teachers open the doors and dismiss the children, one at a time.

5. In order to help improve ventilation in the hallway and the classroom, a window will be open in the exterior entrance, weather permitting. Two air purifiers (HEPA filters) will be used in the classroom.
6. ***Teachers, Aides (Our staff is fully vaccinated.) and students are required to wear cloth face masks in the classroom and during Arrival and Dismissal/Pick-Up. Masks will not be worn during Snack Time, possible outdoor activities, etc.
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.) A lanyard is suggested, as it eases the on-and-off process with your child's mask.
7. 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 or variant diagnosis, or if quarantine time is necessary due to a teacher or student being in close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or variant. During this (continued) 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.
8. Our staff is doing everything possible to keep your child's health a priority during this 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 risk. By signing below, you release Bright Beginnings Preschool, Inc. of any liability in the event an illness (including COVID-19 or variants) 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 Anville.
9. We understand there are many opinions about wearing masks. Please, keep in mind all the positives for in-person learning. We are hoping to hear brighter and positive guidance from the CDC in the near future. We continue to listen to the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (both national organizations) but, also, are paying attention to state and local information, as that remains relevant to our local area. We are hoping for masks to be "a thing of the past" soon, but please know that our experience last school year showed us how amazing the children handle wearing masks. They had no problems, as they were aware they were caring for each other. It would be helpful to practice (15-30 minutes) at home before school begins, since we have been wearing masks less during the summer months while outdoors more.

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 2021-2022 school year.

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed name of child attending BB Preschool: _____