



COVID-19 Policy - Effective 9/24/21

Mask Guidelines

- All staff members and visitors must wear a properly-fitted face mask inside the school.
- All students **ages 2+** must wear a properly-fitted face mask inside the school (except when eating, drinking, or sleeping).
- All students, staff, and visitors ages 2+ must wear a mask outside during any whole-school function.
- Everyone is encouraged to keep masks on outside any time social distance cannot be maintained.

Drop-Off Procedures

Option 1 – Modified Indoor Drop-off

- Escort your child to our downstairs school lobby. If someone is already present in the lobby, please wait at one of the designated spots inside the stairwell area.
 - Review the screening questions and ensure all individuals meet the criteria to enter the school.
 - No one who has been exposed to COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms of illness may enter the building.
 - Masks must be worn in the building
- Use the lobby ipad or scan the QR code on your own device to check-in your child via Brightwheel. Answer the health screening questions.
- Ring the bell for assistance or use the walkie talkie to the left of the door to speak to the staff.
- A staff member will receive your child at the door and walk them to their classroom. Staff may only walk one child (or child and siblings) at a time, so please be patient. Outdoor drop-off will be a faster method (see below).
- The staff member receiving your child will conduct a temperature check.
- Conversations with staff should be scheduled via phone, email, or Zoom at alternative times.

Option 2 – Outdoor Drop-Off

- Walk your child around to the back door of their classroom using the garden steps.
- Use the QR code on the classroom door to check-in your child via Brightwheel. Answer the health screening questions.
- Drop-off child to the staff member in the classroom, who will conduct a temperature check.

Pickup Procedures

Half-Day Pickup at 1pm

- Pull into the carpool lane.
- Have one adult come to the lobby door to receive your child.
- Children will be dismissed directly from the main lobby to their approved pickup person.

All Other Pickup Times – Indoor Pickup

- Come to the downstairs preschool lobby. If someone is already present in the lobby, please wait at one of the designated spots inside the stairwell area.
 - Review the screening questions and ensure all individuals meet the criteria to enter the school.
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 - Masks must be worn in the building



- Use the lobby ipad or scan the QR code on your own device to check-out your child via Brightwheel.
- Ring the bell for assistance or use the walkie talkie to the left of the door to speak to the staff.
- A staff member will bring out your child and their belongings. Please be patient with our staff as this may take a few minutes. To speed up this process, please alert us via Brighthwheel message when you are on your way. Outdoor pick-up will be a faster process (see below).
- Maintain social distance when in the building.
- Conversations with staff should be scheduled via phone, email, or Zoom at alternative times.
- Note – at 4:50pm, all remaining children will be brought to the upstairs lobby for pickup.

All Other Pickup Times – Outdoor Pickup

- Walk around back using the garden stairs.
- Knock on your child's classroom door or retrieve your child from the playground (if kids are outside).
- Use the QR code on the classroom door to check-out your child via Brightwheel.
- Note – at 4:50pm, all remaining children will be brought to the upstairs lobby for pickup.

Symptoms & Exposure

In addition to our regular illness protocols, a person who experiences any of the following symptoms, or who has a household member experiencing the following symptoms, is not permitted to enter Beth Meyer Preschool.

- Fever (100.4 or above)
- Chills
- Shortness of breath / Difficulty breathing
- New Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe Headache

Any person who has had close contact (within 6 feet, for 15 minutes or more) with a person with COVID-19, or whose household member has been similarly exposed, may not enter Beth Meyer Preschool.

Any person who tests positive for COVID-19, or who has a household member who tests positive for COVID-19, may not enter Beth Meyer Preschool.

If a person demonstrates COVID-19 symptoms or becomes aware that they were exposed to COVID-19 while in the school, the following procedures will take place:

- Symptomatic individual will be isolated until they can return home
- Any of the individual's household members who are at school will also be sent home

Cohorts

- Children will only be permitted to be in close contact (within 6 feet) of their own cohort.
 - Cohort 1 – Peelim & Parparim
 - Cohort 2 – Dagim & Ariyot



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Returning to School after Exposure / Symptoms

Local public health authorities make the final decisions regarding quarantine status.

Scenario	Criteria to Return
Person has a positive COVID-19 test but no symptoms	Person must complete a 10-day quarantine from the date of the positive test.
Person has a positive COVID-19 test and has symptoms	Person must complete a 10-day quarantine from the date of the positive test. Person must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication and be feeling well again
Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has not received a test or visited a healthcare provider for an alternative diagnosis	Person must complete a 10-day quarantine from the date of the positive test. Person must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication and be feeling well again
Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has visited a healthcare provider and received an alternative diagnosis note or has a negative PCR test. (Healthcare provider does not need to detail specifics of the alternative diagnosis)	Person must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication and be feeling well again
Person has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.	Person must complete 14 days of quarantine. The 14 days of quarantine begin after the last known close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.
Child who is not fully vaccinated but has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, in which both individuals were wearing a mask the entire time. NOTE: This does not apply for adults.	NCDHHS does not recommend quarantine of children following exposures in a child care settings if masks were being worn appropriately and consistently by both the person with COVID-19 and the potential exposed person. This applies to exposures in child care program settings. This option should only be utilized in settings where masks are consistently worn. This exception does not apply to staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. (<i>Health officials and center staff will determine if masks were appropriately worn during exposure</i>)
Person is a household member of someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.	Person must remain out of school for 10 days for the household member's isolation period AND complete an additional 14-day quarantine at the end of the isolation period.
Person is a household member of someone with COVID-19 symptoms who has not visited a healthcare provider or been tested for COVID-19.	Household member is presumed positive. Person must remain out of school for 10 days for the household member's isolation period AND complete an additional 14-day quarantine at the end of the isolation period.
Person is a household member of someone with COVID-19 symptoms who has received an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare professional or has a negative PCR test.	Person can return to school once household member receives alternative diagnosis. (Healthcare provider does not need to detail specifics of the alternative diagnosis on the note)



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COVID Policy Agreement

I, _____, agree to abide by the terms of Beth Meyer Preschool's COVID Policy. My signature below indicates that I will not knowingly send my child to school within 14-days of a known exposure to Covid-19, and I agree to accurately answer all health-screening questions. Should my child or any member of our household be diagnosed with Covid-19, I will notify the school immediately. I further acknowledge that failure to follow Covid-19 protocols may affect my child's continued enrollment at Beth Meyer Preschool.

Child / Children's Name(s)

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date