

# COVID-19 Protocols

★ **COVID-19 Symptoms:** Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit; Loss of taste or smell, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Shortness of breath, Headache, Chills, Sore throat, Shaking or exaggerated shivering, Significant muscle pain or ache, Diarrhea

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as above), child has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, or the child is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

- ⇒ Any child who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to childcare until all at least fourteen days have passed since symptoms first appeared, or exposed.
- ⇒ In the case of a child who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such child is assumed to have COVID-19, and the child may not return to the childcare for least fourteen days.
- ⇒ If the child has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to childcare before completing the above stay at home period, the child must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the child for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests.
- ⇒ Any child with a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4°F and/or showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be masked as developmentally appropriate, isolated, and the parent/guardian notified for pick up.
- ⇒ If a child who has been in the childcare is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the childcare will notify all teachers, staff, and families. Consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, the child's name will not be released. All other children will remain at the childcare and will be observed for COVID-19 signs of illness.
- ⇒ The childcare will close off the areas that are heavily used by the child with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that child was on campus.



## Eternity Christian School

### Pre-Kindergarten and Childcare

## Health and Safety First



Since opening the childcare in 1999, the health and safety of children and staff has always been our highest priority. We hold our childcare to the highest standards of safety and cleanliness while

maintaining a caring and nurturing place where children can thrive and grow.

During this time on enhanced concern, the leadership team of ECS is continuing to stay up-to-date with the latest state and local guidelines, licensing requirements, and CDC guidelines regarding the safety and well-being of your child.

We are thankful for your continued support, and have implemented enhanced procedures to limit the spread of COVID-19. We are communicating with families and staff the continued measures which have been put into place to protect the children and staff.

## Existing Health & Safety Practices

We are continuing to do the following normal daily health and safety practices:

- ◆ Frequent handwashing by staff and children, which we have imbedded within our daily schedule.
- ◆ Frequently disinfecting and sanitizing of all toys, tables, chairs, and surfaces which are high frequency of touch.
- ◆ Daily laundering of cloth items including infant bed sheets, bibs, and pads.
- ◆ Requiring children with fevers to stay home and return home until fever free for at least 24 hours.
- ◆ Maintaining low teacher-child ratios.
- ◆ Training teachers to identify children with an illness, health & safety protocols, and first aid & CPR.



## Enhancing Health & Safety Practices

We have implemented enhanced health and safety procedures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Depending on the circumstances and guidance by local and state authorities include:

- ⇒ We have posted universal signage in the childcare outlining the policies and procedures for hand washing/sanitizing to help inform all visitors, staff and children.

- ⇒ On the first day a child attends school on campus, the school will provide instruction to children on appropriate health and hygiene practices.
- ⇒ Drop-off and pick-up will be done outside the classroom door.
- ⇒ Any child that is absent and has an illness involving a fever, coughing, or stomach illness with diarrhea and/or vomiting will need a doctor's note to return to school.
- ⇒ Poster of good hand washing hygiene are posted in each lavatory.
- ⇒ The use of masks or face shields for adults or children for whom it is developmentally appropriate is not mandatory, but will be based on parent's preference and child's actions within the classroom.
- ⇒ We will limit the size of groups participating in playground time.
- ⇒ Children will eat in the cafeteria allowing for distancing between each student while seated at the cafeteria tables. The cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.



- ⇒ Teachers will wear gloves during work hours while cleaning and disinfecting.