

Dear families,

At PGGs, hygiene, health and safety are our first concern.

We are following the new CDC guidelines and recommendations regarding Covid-19.

Our standard policies are still in effect - See Parent's Handbook-.

Main guidelines - some modifications might be done as the situation evolves--:

ARRIVAL/ drop-off/pick-up :

- Opening hours to start with 8:45AM to 4:15PM Monday to Friday, to allow cleaning, disinfecting before opening and after closing.
- NO ADULTS besides STAFF allowed inside the school
- Parents will be welcomed from a safe distance by the driveway gate
- Staff, Parents and students will have to reply to questions such as "have you been in contact with someone sick, do you have any of the covid symptoms : fever, shortness of breath, coughing..."
- Parents must wear a face covering/mask at the gate (NO DRIVEWAY PARKING will be allowed)
- Staff, Parents and Students will have their temperature checked daily before entering the school, with a no contact thermometer. We encourage families to take their temperatures and your child's before coming to school. If your temperature is 100.4°F (38°C) and high, please stay home.
- ALL PERSONAL TOYS have to stay home
- SIGN-IN and OUT : You will sign in and out with no contact with your own phone with a QR code. *Make sure to have your cell phone with you !!*

AT SCHOOL :

- Arrival of Staff and children : everyone entering the school must wash their hands first
- Obligation for Staff to wear masks/face shields and have change of clothes throughout the day and AT ALL TIMES, gloves are recommended when in close contact with children
- Children wear a mask/face covering as feasible, all day long. Masks are taken off during meals with social distancing
- Free Play limited to sessions of 15 minutes as it reduces risk when in closer contact
- Washing hands will be before and after each activity : classes as well as free play, nap, bathroom, lunch and snacks, also before and after breaks for the staff

- SAME GROUP stays together all day and each day. NO contact with the other group.
- OUTDOORS activities are prioritized, will be mainly the new set up as weather permits it.
- On a daily basis, ONE group will use ONE indoors classroom, ONE bathroom and the Other group the other classroom and bathroom.
- Avoiding congestion : avoiding groups meeting each other.
- Limiting sharing toys and preferring individualized activities, toys to play with before it gets disinfected for another use. No clothes or belongings sharing.
- Intensify cleaning, sanitization, disinfection and ventilation
- checking temperatures after lunch, designated separated area if a child gets sick, 30 minutes pick-up time for the parents once called
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices such as handwashing -20 seconds counting-, 6 feet away, how to cough and sneeze, etc during classes
- No access to water dispenser, each child has to bring his bottle with her/his name and the teacher will fill it up for them
- No toothbrushing at school
- Toilet and sink will be sanitized after each use. Hand dryer machine and no towels
- Nap times : children will be placed head-to-toe to insure distance between their faces. Cots will be separated with physical barriers and should be labeled for each child and disinfected regularly. Sheets and pillows are separated in individual bags

- If a child or a parent or close person to the family has symptoms, is positive with Covid-19 or exposed to someone with the virus, the administration must be contacted asap. Other families and staff will be notified by email. The concerned family will have to stay home and not return until they have met the CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

- **Masks for kids:** while most of the children starting with us will be able to wear a mask/face covering as their parents have been teaching them, we already know that it will be not easy to respect that "free play with masks' at all times. So it's best that parents continue showing their kids how to cough and wash their hands for 20 seconds and why they should wear a face covering. We understand that even if we ask you to bring a couple of face coverings at school, we are expecting that not all the children will be able to follow the rule. We will encourage them diligently as possible and implement safety hygiene rules reminders along the day with them (which is something our teachers have already been persistent about).

- **Food handling:** Our cook at PGGS is required to wear gloves while handling food as well as teachers when they serve the snacks and will continue to do so. Children will be

separated from each other and food will be served to each of them. You will provide a drinking bottle for your child so that the adult can serve them our Alkaline water to avoid children to be in contact with water dispenser. We have a dishwasher which is best to kill bacteria or virus.

- **Cleaning Products:** We added 4 sanitizer dispensers to our dish soap dispensers available around the school. We had to purchase "99.99% kill bacteria and viruses" cleaning products to follow CDC regulations (alcohol more than 60%) for all the school cleaning and disinfection. Using too much sanitizer can dry out skin and also prevent our hands to protect us. By fighting with surrounded bacteria, germs, children at their age need/develop a strong immune system. So we will prefer using soap as much as possible. We will wash hands anytime we will change activities. Our main cleaning product is bought at a janitorial supplies store and is used for hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. We wanted to buy the Organic version of the same product but it is not yet recognized by the Health Department.

- **School material:** individual box labeled for your child containing the basic school material including markers, glue stick, paintbrush, pencils, scissors, play dough, your child will keep in his/her cubby. We will display only a few toys per day to make insure each of them will be cleaned after each use. Most of our days and classes will be outside. Seats and tables will be visually marked to indicate where children can seat.

WHAT TO BRING at School :

- Bring MORE than 2 complete sets of change with a washable bag,
- EXTRA SHOES ONLY FOR SCHOOL, in case shoes get wet or dirty
- 1 drinking bottle that stays at school,
- 1 disinfectant wipe box,
- 1 face covering/mask to wear and a few extra to stay in the cubby,
- 1 tissue box,
- 1 apron for painting,
- 1 hat,
- 1 sunscreen spray (no more sunscreen lotions) for hot days

Please have all items with CHILD'S NAME on it !!