



# TSPPS 2020 - 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

## OUR COMMITMENT

While our whole community is committed to reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19, we acknowledge that no amount of guidelines, restrictions, or safe practices can 100% eliminate the risk of transmission at school. Here are some things to keep in mind:



**Continued Monitoring:** We will continue to keep up to date with CDC, Bright From the Start and American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines and will update our policies to reflect any changes as they happen.

**Medical Advisors:** We will continue to be in touch with our panel of physicians and will update our policies based on what they are seeing in patients in our area.

**Mitigate Risk:** We will continue our precautions in regards to increased cleaning and disinfecting, wearing PPE, and following guidelines in order to keep our community safe and TSPS open for our families who need care.

# THINGS MAY LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR...

But TSPS is committed to continuing to provide a fun, safe, and engaging preschool program for all of our young learners. Take the next few minutes to get acquainted with our visual guide. This guide will cover our new health and safety policies - you'll learn what our staff and students will be doing differently this year and what you can do to partner with us in keeping our community safe.



# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIG CHANGES?

✦ Our hours of operation are from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

✦ Until further notice, parents and visitors are not allowed into the building.

✦ Until further notice, there will be no drop in care (early mornings or after school).

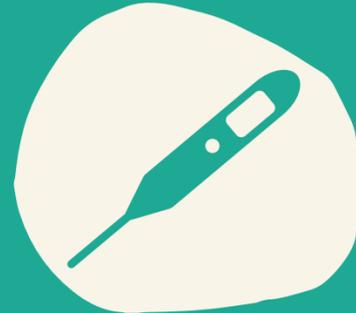


✦ If TSPS has a positive case, the whole TSPS community will be notified.

✦ Students/staff who are exposed to COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days. Class will be virtual.

✦ Staff will wear masks at all times. Children ages 2+ will be required to bring 3 clean masks daily and will use them in developmentally appropriate ways.

# DAILY HEALTH SCREENS



Upon arrival, all TSPS students and staff will complete a daily health screening. You'll answer our screening questions on the ProCare (formerly Kinderlime) app and a dedicated staff member will check your child's temperature and complete a visual check for any visible symptoms.

# SCREENING QUESTIONS AND SYMPTOMS

When answering our screening questions, please consider if anyone you or your child have had direct contact with has shown one respiratory symptom or two non-respiratory symptoms.

Children with a temperature of 100.3 degrees or lower will be admitted.

Children with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be admitted until they have been fever free without medication for 72 hours.

We appreciate your commitment and partnership in respecting the new screening process!

## **Respiratory Symptoms:**

Cough

Shortness of breath

Difficulty breathing

## **Non-Respiratory Symptoms:**

Chills

Fever

Repeated shaking with chills

Muscle pain

Headache

Sore throat

New loss of sense of taste or smell

# CARPOOL

## Carpool Drop Off

We have extended carpool times to allow enough time for us to complete our health checks. Please begin lining up at the rear preschool entrance.

Once in line, you will be prompted to answer screening questions on the ProCare app. A staff member will then take your child's temperature and if normal, will walk them inside where teachers will take them to class.

## Carpool Pick Up

You will receive a carpool number before the first day of school that will need to be displayed in the front right of your dash/windshield. Each family will be assigned a number and anyone who picks up your child will need to have one for their car.

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## Carpool Hours

### Drop Off

Full Day 8:00 - 8:45  
Half Day 9:00 - 9:45  
Plus Day 9:00 - 9:45

### Pick Up

Half Day 1:15 - 2:00  
Plus Day 2:45 - 3:30  
Full Day 4:15 - 5:00

# WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?

The CDC recommends that students 2+ wear masks. At TSPS we require that all students 2 years of age and older bring three (**labeled**) clean masks to school each day and will be encouraged to wear their mask in a developmentally appropriate way.

*What does encouraging students to wear masks look like?*

Teachers will use kind and gentle guidance to direct children to wear masks throughout the day, doing so in a way that takes into account that some students will not be able to wear a mask for their whole day at TSPS, or even at all.

If a student is having trouble wearing a mask and exhibits behaviors that may increase their chance of contracting a viral illness (e.g. touching the mask repeatedly, taking it off and putting it back on, playing with their mask, etc.), their mask will be removed and they will be gently prompted to try again the following day.



# WHAT MEASURES IS TSPTS TAKING TO STAY SAFE AND CLEAN?



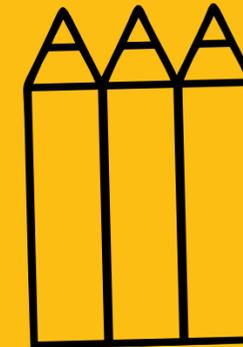
Our classes will be self-contained. No mixing of groups indoors or outdoors.

Each class will have two classrooms (we call it a pod) for their own use.



High touch surfaces and spaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

All rooms that are used will be cleaned and sanitized with the JanPro system daily.



Where possible, students will use individual instead of shared materials.

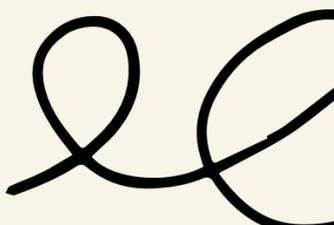
Only toys and materials that can be easily cleaned will be used in classrooms.



# HOW WILL OUR KIDS DISTANCE?

Where appropriate, students will be encouraged through seating arrangements to remain distant. This may look like assigned spots at work tables, while eating, or during circle time.

At such young ages, we know and expect kids will be playing together. We are confident that through our health and safety measures: frequent handwashing, frequently cleaning our learning environment, and the rest of the policies found in our guidebook - our TSPS students will have a fun, engaging start to the year with their friends!



# HOW WILL WE HANDLE A SUSPECTED CASE OR SICK STAFF/STUDENT?

- A sick staff member will leave immediately. With our ratios and staffing, most classes can be led by one teacher. However, just in case - we will have full time subs in the building each day.
- A sick student will be moved to an isolation/sick room with a staff member. They must be picked up within 30 minutes of showing symptoms.
- If child's or staff's doctor recommends a COVID-19 test and it is positive, that individual may not return until 10 days have passed AND they are symptom free.
- All spaces that a sick individual has been in contact with will be closed immediately.
- The rest of the school will be cleaned and sanitized as usual that day and the affected rooms will remain closed until they can be safely sanitized (up to 72 hours after exposure).
- An individual who is sick with a non-COVID-19 illness may not return to TSPS until they are fever free without medication for 72 hours.
- If TSPS has a positive case, it will be communicated to the entire TSPS community as soon as we receive confirmation via the ProCare app and by email.



We are so excited to get back to school and so happy to have you as part of Team TSPS! We know that this is a big commitment and as such, encourage everyone to take the time to read our full health and safety manual. It's up to our whole community to keep everyone healthy!

SEE YOU SOON!