

WELLNESS UPDATES

Health Procedures:

- For the protection of each child in our Preschool department, parents are requested not to bring a child to church that appears to be ill.
- Children (and adults) who have had ANY of the following symptoms within the last 48 hours should not be allowed into a Preschool classroom.
- Fever of 100 (or per our discretion)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Clear, green or cloudy runny nose
- Inflamed throat or mouth
- Runny or pink eyes
- Croup, coughing, or sneezing
- Any skin infections such as boils, unexplained rash, staph, ringworms, or impetigo
- Symptoms of childhood diseases (scarlet fever, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, or measles)
- Symptoms of COVID19 (fever, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, or lost sense of taste or smell)
- No medication is to be dispensed by a volunteer; however, trained staff or coordinators can administer any emergency asthmatic, allergic type medications if the locating of parent would be detrimental to the child. Parents are responsible for informing and training staff and coordinators.
- Accidental injuries must be reported to the staff and to the parent using an Accident form. Parents should sign this form before leaving with their child!

- Report any injury immediately to staff, as we must call/text the parents to check on their child and release the child back into our care.

Infectious Disease:

Definition: Any disease that spreads from one person to another.

1. By the very nature of a preschooler's activity and the normal infant mouthing behavior, diapered infants, ones and preschoolers are naturally exposed to a higher rate of infection than are other children.

- Infections such as diarrhea and Hepatitis A are spread primarily by the fecal-oral route, meaning that there is a higher spread among children in diapers.
- Infections such as serious forms of meningitis, COVID19, influenza, chicken pox, whooping cough and most respiratory infections are spread by contact with any respiratory secretions.
- Infections such as pink ey, impetigo, scabies, lice, ringworm, and chicken pox are spread by person-to-person contact.
- Fever blisters (Herpes) are spread by contact with saliva.
- Cytomegalovirus, a viral infection often without symptoms in children, but one which can cause birth defects in unborn babies, is spread through urine and saliva.

- Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and AIDS are spread only by contact with blood (transfusions, needles, across the placenta in the unborn baby and through the birth process) and intimate contact (sexual intercourse and possible breast feeding).

2. When it is known that a preschooler or group of preschoolers have been exposed to an infectious disease, parents and teachers of preschoolers will be notified at the discretion of the Preschool staff.

3. AIDS: Discrimination and Confidentiality

- An individual who has the HIV virus or AIDS is not legally required to report it.
- Knowledge by the staff of the HIV virus or AIDS disease in a child or worker will be kept confidential outside the appropriate Ministry Staff and Leadership Team.
- If a preschooler has the virus or disease the staff may seek additional information/input by the preschooler's parents and with parental consent, the preschooler's physician.
- The appropriate Ministry staff shall act in an advisory manner to the Preschool Ministry with respect to ongoing care of any preschooler to:
- Review the case and the involved classroom
- Make recommendations for additional precautions or staffing requirements

4. Following the proper hand washing, diapering, restroom, sickness, and cleanup procedures are preventative measures for the spread of infectious diseases.

5. Observation and supervision by staff and coordinators will take place regularly in an attempt to assure these policies are upheld.