

# Welcome Back!!!

Welcome back to Noah's Ark! Our teachers have been getting ready for the summer with new centers, lots of fun activities and fresh ideas that all comply with the CDC's suggestions for a safe environment. Things in our world look a lot different now, and so will some of the procedures at the Ark. We have been working closely with the Health Department along with our licensor from Social Services, to make sure we have a smooth and safe transition into the daily routines at our school.

Here are some new procedures to note:

1. All Noah's Ark Staff members are mandated to wear a face mask. Please, explain to our little friends, why. Our face masks are bright and colorful, but it will still be new and maybe even unsettling for some little ones. Our teachers will be smiling with their eyes and high fiving with their elbows. Along with the masks, all staff members will have their temperatures taken and shoes cleaned before entering our facility.
2. **Face Masks:** The CDC and our licensor recommend wearing a face mask, but it is not required. If your child chooses to bring one, please stress to them the importance of keeping their hands off, of the mask, as much as possible. If we feel that it is not being worn safely, it will be removed, and sent home.
3. **Screening:** Please note that no child or staff will be allowed to stay at Noah's Ark, if they show any signs of illness. Excess fatigue, headaches, stomach bug, runny nose, sore throat, cough, red eyes, etc. are just some of the symptoms that we cannot allow in the school. If anyone shows any such symptoms during the day, they will be immediately sent home. If sent home, will need a note from a doctor or a negative COVID test to return.
4. **Hand Washing:** Everyone will wash their hands upon entering the building. We will be washing our hands between each transition, along with before/after eating, and on their way out of the school. There will be **a lot** of hand washing, please be on the lookout for dry hands that might need some extra TLC at home. We are not allowed to administer hand lotion without a doctor's note.
5. **Sanitizing:** We will have two staff members that are continually sanitizing throughout the day, inside and out. Nightly, we have a janitorial service that is well versed in the CDC's cleaning recommendations and weekly, we have an outside company that will be disinfecting the whole school, walls, carpets, and everything in between.
6. **Social Distancing:** We have temporarily changed our daily schedule to a rotating one, in which, each group will transition, along with their teacher from one fun activity to another. The overall headcount has been cut down considerably and a lot more outside time has been added. Nap mats will each be placed in their own plastic bag and we will not be able to supply one if it is forgotten at home. Nap mats will be sent home to be washed every week. Drinking fountains are closed and drinking stations will be set up with teachers handing out disposable cups of water.

7. **Drop-off:** We will be welcoming every student at the side gate entrance to the playground. GUARDIANS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL FOR THE TIME BEING. A teacher will be there to greet and screen each child. Along with taking a daily temperature and disinfecting shoes, the TEACHER will sign in your child. \*\*\*A teacher will be stationed at the side gate entrance, from **7:00-9:00**, if it is after 9:00, please call the school (**775-747-3775**), and we will send a teacher to meet you at the side gate. The front doors will be locked.\*\*\*
  
8. **Pick up:** Please call about 5 minutes before arrival so we can help your child gather their personal items and wash their hands before they leave. (**775-747-3775**) We will have a teacher hand deliver your little one to the side gate that they were dropped off at, earlier in the day. You will notice that they are bringing home less “art area” projects. During the summer, we have a fun daily calendar that has been developed to help cut back with the amount of art projects going home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Noah’s Ark and ask for Tiffany or Elizabeth

Thank you.