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Re: Important update and information regarding our masking policy & health mitigation strategies:

Dear First Presbyterian Preschool Families,

There are a couple of things that are changing to our masking policy that we want to make you aware of. The Preschool Board took up the topic and decided that, **effective immediately**, we will **not require anyone (children, families, visitors or staff)** to use masks during the duration of their onsite care with us **unless symptoms develop**. This is a change from our previous policy. We will respect and support the decision of each person if they choose to wear a mask or have their child wear a mask while in our care. Please let us know if this is something you would like us to reinforce with your child while here. The Board may revisit this strategy later in the year, if necessary.

The other strategies we have will stay the same. As a review, we will continue to meet families at the entrance gate and let one family in at a time to check in. Please give each other social distance in the breezeway and wait for your turn to enter the play yard.

We will still be issuing hand sanitizer upon arrival and a temperature will be taken for the students and staff daily before being admitted. After arriving into the classroom, the child and teaching staff will wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. The remainder of the day will include multiple times as needed for hand washing. The classroom environment will continue to be cleaned with soap, disinfecting cleaner and sanitizer after each use just like we always have done.

At pick up time, families are admitted one family at a time, into the classroom hallway to meet their student, gather belongings and discuss any information with the classroom teachers at that time. This is our current practice and we will be enforcing one family at a time for social distancing.

The stated Sick Policy in the Parent Handbook will remain the same and is as follows: Keep your child home if they feel sick or show any signs of illness. Child must be symptom free for 72 hours. Symptoms include: Fever of 99.9+, sore throat, cough, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing.

Please call the office (480) 835-7877 or email us preschool@fpcmesa.org if your child is out for any reason as soon as you can. This will help us stay on top of any illness outbreak.

We truly appreciate everyone's help with these mitigation strategies. We strongly value the trust that you give us with your children in our care.

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Director