

## **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

As a result, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies have made many recommendations on how to best prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with the most recent Interim Guidance for Child Care Settings issued by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Genesis United Methodist Church, Cary, NC/Genesis Christian Preschool (hereafter referred to as **"Genesis Christian Preschool"**) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, Genesis Christian Preschool cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Genesis Christian Preschool could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I (including my heirs, assigns and personal representatives) acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and freely and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending Genesis Christian Preschool and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Genesis Christian Preschool may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Genesis Christian Preschool employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s at Genesis Christian Preschool.

On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Genesis Christian Preschool, its employees, agents, and representatives, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto concerning any COVID-19 infection I or my child(ren) may incur. I understand and agree that this release includes any and all claims that I or my child(ren) could subsequently make now or in the future, based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Genesis Christian Preschool, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the Genesis Christian Preschool program.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Print name of Parent/Guardian

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Child's name

**Also see <https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H118v8.pdf>**

## **Genesis Christian Preschool Health and Safety Practices**

### **Parents and students**

- Parents will bring children to the door but will not be admitted to the building.
- Parents MUST wear a mask when dropping off or picking up their child.
- Parents will wait six feet apart while staff takes their child's temperature before admitting them to the building.
- Parents will also be asked a series of health questions at drop off each day.
- Parents will wait at the door, again six feet apart, at pick-up time and your child will be brought to the door.
- We will not ask students to wear a mask as it is highly unlikely that students in preschool would be able to remove it correctly or not touch the mask for the course of the morning. Any mask that a student would drop would need to be thrown away as well. The NC Department of Health and Human Services states that if a student cannot wear it correctly then it would be best that they not wear a mask.

### **Staff**

- All staff will have a temperature check done each morning.
- All staff will be required to wear a mask.
- All staff will be asked health screening questions.

### **Meet the Teacher**

- Will be done via Zoom with links sent to parents by staff for their class.

### **First week of school**

- All ages will have a staggered entry start to the year
  - Half the class will come the first day of the class
  - The second half of the class will come the second day
    - Schedules will be sent closer to the first day of school.
  - On the third day all students will fully participate in the class.

### **Calendar**

- We will partially follow a Wake County Traditional calendar
- We will be open on remote learning days
- We will be open on Election Day
- We will be closed for Teacher Workdays
- We will be closed for Holidays

### **Classrooms**

- Each classroom will become their own group and will not share playground, chapel or any other time with other classes during the preschool day.
- We will not use any messy bins.
- We will not use any cloth items such as stuffed animals
- The number of children in a center at one time will be limited
- Art projects will be created using resources presorted for the project so less hands are touching items.

#### **Snacks**

- Children will wash hands before and after snack time
- It is critical that snacks be sent in bags or containers that children can open by themselves to reduce touch points for staff.

- No Go-gurt or juice pouches/boxes can be permitted so staff is not cutting open pouches or touching straws where children will be putting their mouth.

### **Cleaning**

- We have always cleaned and sanitized our facility but we have also purchased EPA approved disinfectant that is effective against coronavirus that we will use daily.
- We will be doing more frequent disinfecting of high touch surfaces such as door handles, hand rails, light switches, etc. during the day.
- We will also continue to have our cleaning service thoroughly clean the building at the end of each day.
- We have also purchased UV lights to use in classrooms after students leave.

### **Field Trips/Special events**

- We will not bring in people to do field trips but will provide them using in-house resources.
- We will not have any special events where parents or family come into the building

### **From our Parent Handbook posted on our website and sent to parents earlier:**

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

- If anyone in the child's household has COVID-19 or is awaiting results from a COVID-19 test or think they may have COVID-19 the child may **NOT** attend preschool.
  - They need to quarantine at home for at least 14 days.
- If a child tests positive for COVID-19 we are required to report to the health department and close down the school for 2 to 5 days for appropriate cleaning procedures as required by the CDC.
  - A child can only return to preschool after documentation is provided by a medical doctor that the child or family member no longer has COVID-19.
- Each morning temperature checks will be done before children enter the building.
  - Staff will help move children from the sidewalk to their classroom.
- Parents will not be permitted in the building.
- Parents should wear mask when dropping off and picking up their students.
- Parents should use social distancing of 6 feet when dropping their child off or picking them up at the door.