



# Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool

## “In His Arms”



Connecting Jesus to Children’s Hearts since 1995

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**Date: July 27, 2020**

**From: Brenda Arden**

**To: Parents & Guardians of Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool**

**Re: Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool COVID Response Protocols**

Welcome to Abiding Savior Lutheran Preschool. Our school theme for the 2020-2021 school year is **“Anchored in Christ”**. Throughout the school year, we will give thanks for the gift of strength God gives to us using the bible verse, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

The health and safety of the children families, and staff at Abiding Savior are very important to us. Our staff is ready to do their part to ensure appropriate precautions are taken each day. Classrooms will be deep-cleaned and sanitized daily, high touch surfaces will be cleaned multiple times during the day, and playground equipment will be sanitized between play groups. Extra handwashing procedures are also in place for staff and children. Please know that guidelines and procedures are fluid and continuously being updated. Abiding Savior will be vigilant but cannot be held responsible if your child becomes sick.

Please read the following information carefully to prepare for a safe preschool experience for all.

### **FAMILIARIZE YOUR CHILD WITH GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES BEFORE ATTENDING CAMP**

We ask that each family teach your little ones about good handwashing with soap and water while singing “Happy Birthday” or “Jesus Loves Me” to make sure they wash long enough. Talk to them about the importance of washing hands after using the toilet and before eating. These lessons will be reinforced by your child’s teachers each day.

Talk to your child about the importance of coughing/sneezing into a tissue or elbow. Have them practice this at home.

### **MASKS**

Familiarize your child with people wearing a mask and talk to them about their teacher wearing one. Abiding Savior staff will be wearing a mask and will practice good hygiene according to CDC guidelines. The children do not have to wear a mask, however, if you request that your child wears a mask, we will take reasonable steps to ensure that the mask is worn.

### **CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES**

There will be two drop-off locations for preschool. The Brown Bears, Cubs, Sun bears, Polar Bears, and Panda Bears will check-in at the bottom of the stairs in front of building 3 and the Froggies, Bumblebees, Caterpillars, and Butterflies will check-in at the front of building 2.

### **Daily check-in:**

1. A staff member will be there to greet you at your vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle until a staff member comes to take your child's temperature, get your ProCare PIN, and then your child may exit the vehicle and be escorted into the building by an Abiding Savior staff member.
2. A temperature check and a few health screening questions will be done (cough, fever, signs of not feeling well). The cut off temperature is 100.4. Children brought to school with signs or symptoms of illness will not be admitted. **Please do not give your child fever reducing medication before sending them to school.**
3. Sign-in by tablet (*you will receive an invitation from ProCare which will include a 4-digit code to be used for your child's sign-in and sign-out security each day*).
4. Your child's hands will be sanitized.
5. Your child's teacher or teacher's assistant will escort your child to the classroom (Parents are asked to remain outside the building unless the child needs extra reassurance. Parents entering the building will have temperatures taken, sanitize hands, and are asked to remain masked).
6. Please wear a mask at drop off and pick up.

### **12:00, 1:00, or 3:00 Daily check-out:**

1. Drive to building 2 or 3 for check-out.
2. Please stay in your vehicle until it is your turn to pick up your child at the door.
3. Give staff your name and your child's ProCare PIN for sign-out.
4. Staff will escort your child to your vehicle.

### **After 3:00 Daily Check-out**

1. Ring the doorbell and use the walkie talkie at Building 2 or 3.
2. Give staff your name and your child's ProCare PIN for sign-out.
3. Staff will escort your child to the door.

## **ILLNESS POLICY**

### **At Home: Your child must be kept at home if exhibiting signs of:**

- fever within the last 24 hours
- a cold or nasal discharge that is not clear
- a constant cough or croup
- any communicable disease
- head lice or nits
- scabies
- impetigo
- diarrhea or vomiting
- rapid or difficult breathing
- conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- infected sores

When your child is absent due to illness, please let his/her teacher know what type of signs and symptoms he/she is experiencing. In case of a communicable disease exposure at preschool, a notice will be posted, and parents will be encouraged to consult their child's physician. **Children absent due to a contagious disease may not return to preschool until their physician provides a signed statement that they are no longer contagious and may resume activities**

**At School:** Should your child exhibit signs or symptoms of illness while at preschool, he/she will be isolated and **you or your child's designated guardian will be called to pick up your child immediately.**

### **Most common reasons for sending a child home from school are:**

- diarrhea (you will be called to pick up after one loose stool)
- vomiting
- fever of 100 or above
- symptoms of communicable disease
- impetigo
- herpes
- head lice or nits
- croup (barking cough)
- stiff neck

### **Returning to School: Your child may return to school when:**

- your child must be fever free and symptom free for at least 72 hours before they can return to school (without the use of fever reducing agents such as Tylenol)
- nasal discharge has subsided
- vomiting or diarrhea has been resolved for 24 hours
- cough or croup has subsided
- incubation period of communicable disease has transpired, and your child is no longer contagious (must have a Dr.'s note to return to school)
- pink eye is no longer red and draining
- no lice or nits are visible in hair or scalp
- no open sores from impetigo

## **COVID RESPONSE PLAN**

If a child/staff member receives a positive test result:

**Anyone with exposure to the infected person for more than fifteen minutes, who was also within six feet of the infected person at any point during that time, shall quarantine for fourteen days.** Staff and students assigned to the classroom affiliated with the infected person will be quarantined for fourteen days as well, while other staff conduct proper disinfection during this time. The CDC **recommends** 2-5 days of complete facility closure in order clean and disinfect areas AND then reopen.

If another person of the same household (cohabitating with a child/staff member) or other person who has had sustained contact with a child/staff member receives a positive test result:

**Anyone affiliated with the person who received the positive test result is under obligation to self-report their exposure to Preschool administration, and quarantine for fourteen days.** Staff and students assigned to the classroom affiliated with the person(s) who had contact with the infected person will be notified as well, so they may take further precautions.

- Class lists will be utilized to identify any children or staff who were present and assigned to the applicable classroom within 48 hours prior to the **date of the test** which resulted in a positive *result* or 48 hours **prior to the onset of symptoms**, whichever is earlier. The 14-day quarantine for contacts would begin starting from last exposure (the last day they were around the positive person).
- If the child or staff member that tested positive was in more than one area of the facility for >15 minutes or in close contact (within 6 feet of any other person) for >15 minutes masked, or any amount of time unmasked, it may be necessary to close other portions of the facility.

- If a child or staff member develops a fever and shows **any** other known symptoms of COVID19, the affected person will be immediately sent home. If the affected person receives a negative test result, at least 3 consecutive days with no fever (and no administration of any fever reducing medication) regardless of the reason should pass before return to work/school.

### **Required Criteria for the Return of a Previously COVID19 Positive Child/Staff Member**

1. A documented negative test result for the enrolled/employed child or staff member, and a statement of a negative test result (verbal or written) for any persons with which the child/staff member cohabitates.