**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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*(Updated 1/10/2021)*

1. It is the policy of Lil’ Angels Christian Preschool to always follow mandated sanitation procedures in order to prevent the spread of any communicable disease.

a. Staff should not report to work and parents should keep any child home who is exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

1. Fever over 100
2. New cough of any kind
3. Sore throat
4. Shortness of breath
5. Lethargic, overly tired, unusually calm or quiet
6. Mild respiratory illness/ issues
7. Muscle aches or headaches

b. Temperatures will be taken at the door from all those entering the building. People registering a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter the building and their temperature logged in a binder at the door, labeled *High Temperature Check*.

* 1. Only masked and vaccinated staff and Lil’ Angels’ family members are permitted to enter the building. All other visitors, 5 and older, entering the building need to be masked and vaccinated. This includes extended family members, deliveries, and church members. Proof of vaccination will be on file for staff members/vaccinated parents. Mid-year (January) 2 year class students will be encouraged to wear masks.

c. All children and staff exhibiting the above symptoms while in attendance will be dismissed immediately. Plans are in place for these emergency possibility. (see Notes: I, II/page 5)

2.). Cleaning and disinfection measures will use CDC recommended cleaning guidelines (see Notes: III/ page 5)

1. Scheduled sanitation rounds per day: As close to 11am, 1pm, 3pm, as possible, by the staff
2. High contact surfaces in the classroom will be targeted by the teachers with a bleach solution, as needed (e.g., large toys, doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, tables, chairs).
3. Sealed containers with disinfectant, will be placed in kitchen for contaminated toys that may have been mouthed. They will be cleaned and disinfected and air dried overnight and replaced the next day.

3.). Strict hand and respiratory etiquette at all times. Staff and children will wash hands often and will appropriately cover coughs and sneezes. Staff and children will be taught to cough and sneeze into their elbow and to use tissues as needed. Face-touching will be discouraged.

a. Key times to clean hands include:

1. After blowing one’s nose, coughing, or sneezing
2. After using the restroom
3. Before eating or preparing food
4. Before/after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (diapering and potty)
5. Any child whose fingers have entered their nose or mouth
6. A list of essential supplies will be stored in each classroom. This list will include:

Gloves

Hand Sanitizer

Plastic bags

Paper towels

Tissues

Disinfected wipes

Disposable Masks

1. .The CDC guidance on masks for preschoolers states a recommendation for children over 2 to wear masks, although it also stipulates that “children may not be able to reliably wear, remove, and handle masks.” This is a recommendation that Lil’ Angels will mandate for all our students with the exception of twos year olds [these students will be introduced to masks in January]. Three year old and Pre-K students will be asked to wear masks and be required to wear them during circle time, indoor play and during tabled instructions. In addition, we plan to social distance when necessary along with strict hand and respiratory etiquette throughout the day as stated above. Teachers will be required to wear masks especially when working in close proximity of students.
2. Any child who has traveled internationally or to and from high risk states, or has been exposed to a family member who has travelled internationally must stay home for 7 days from the time they returned home from international travel as recommended by the CDC. The school director is to be notified in a timely manner of any such travel plans or occurrences.
3. If anyone has been in close contact with a person or child testing positive for COVID-19:

a. Staff and families must notify the Preschool office within 24 hours of exposure or positive test. If they have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, the child/staff will quarantine for a minimal of 5 days to see if symptoms of Covid appears.

1. Families will be made aware of any potential exposure to Covid, via email. Although no names can be given, we can let you know the circumstances behind our concerns.
2. The local Montgomery County Health Department will only be notified if a student has develop symptoms of COVID-19 and has tested positive, while in school.

b. Staff or children or family member with COVID-19 must be isolated for a minimum of 5 days and/or until you are 24 hours fever free (without fever meds) after symptoms disappear.

1. A negative Covid-19 test or doctor’s note is necessary for staff or student to re-enter the program after the last affected family member’s quarantine.
2. A 5-7 day closure will be mandated after a student or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 the same day as they were in school.
3. Full sanitization of the school and classrooms will be conducted at this time.
4. No Tuition reimbursements will be made during this time.

c. Students/staff with a member of their household testing positive for Covid-19 must quarantine 5 days after the last infected person in the household is released from isolation.

d. The above requirements are mandatory. Full compliance is a requirement for your child to continue in our program.

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e. The CDC and the Montgomery County Health Department will provide guidance on when it is necessary to implement a temporarily or full school closure.

1. Tuition reimbursements/adjustments will not be made during temporary shut downs lasting 2-4 weeks. Adjustments in your tuition may occur for a longer period of shutdown, up to but not including a full closure for the remaining school year
2. If Lil’ Angels is mandated to shut down for the duration of the school year, Tuition will be pro-rated.

**DAILY HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES**

1.). Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines has been modified.

a. Vaccinated and masked parents may accompany their child(ren) into the building.

b. Check in at the door will include hand sanitizer and daily temperature checks of everyone entering the building, and general health overview of students from parent.

* 1. Sanitizer will be accessible and near all sign-up sheets in the hallways.

c. No toys/personal items from home will be permitted. Items from home will be limited to backpacks, and lunch boxes. Preschoolers must have multiple changes of clothes on hand at the school.

1. Clearly marked water bottles for children with special needs are permitted.
2. ‘Loveys’ for nap time, must come into school clean and in a sealed Ziploc bag, and will only be allowed at naptime. These items need to be returned and cleaned daily.

d. Dismissal for the students will take place from the playground or from their classrooms.

Masked and vaccinated parents will gather their child’s belongings in the cubbies and proceed directly to their child. A checkout binder will be posted at playground exit.

2.) In the Classroom

a. Children spacing at work tables: X X students

 Teacher X

b. Pre-K classroom supplies will be placed in a plastic pencil box, items will be periodically sprayed/wiped [down. i.e.:](http://down.ie:) pencils, scissors, crayons, etc. masks for Pre-K

1. 2 and 3 year olds will sanitize their hands before and after tabled activities.
2. Activities that encourage close contact will be modified to ensure safe distancing between students.
3. Stations or centers will be set up to encourage safe distancing between students in play areas
4. As we reduce the Covid regulations, scheduled programs and assemblies requiring non-essential visitors to enter our center and interact with our children will be reassessed, as needed

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1. Safe strategies for comforting children will be implemented, understanding the importance of comforting crying, sad, and/or anxious children. To the extent possible, when holding, hugging the children, staff will do the following:
2. Teachers will should wash their hands, neck, and anywhere touched by a child’s secretions. They should change their own shirt, if there are secretions on it, and wash their hands again.
3. Teachers will wash child and change the child’s clothes, if secretions are on the child’s clothes. Contaminated clothes should be placed in a plastic bag to be sent home.
4. Toys and sharing between children will be limited. Toys will not be shared between classrooms. High traffic toys will be limited, cleaned and rotated daily. All hard to clean toys (cloth baby dolls and stuffed animals) will be removed. A sealed container with disinfected solution will be placed in the kitchen for mouthed items.

3.) In the Playground use will be staggered by class, when possible. It is our plan to encourage outside play and fresh air as much as possible so there may be some overlap depending on the number of people.

4.) At Naptime

1. All children will be spaced 3 feet away from each other, head to toe.
2. All loveys and bedding will come to school clean and in a sealed bag. Bedding will go home weekly, sooner if soiled. Loveys will go home daily cleaned and returned when needed.
3. Area will be sprayed with disinfected spray after all children wake up.

5.) At Snack and Lunch Time - Classes will be staggered to avoid overlap.

Note: Until further notice, parents will provide a brown bag lunch for all full day students

1. Children will be seated 3-4 at a table (each side)
2. Food will be distributed by the gloved teachers, no family style/food sharing will be encouraged or practiced.
3. Disposable tableware will be used.
4. Utensils and containers will be disinfected after each use.
5. Kitchen will be disinfected after each use.

6.) In the Bathrooms

1. Cleanliness checks and necessary wipe downs of all bathrooms, 3 times a day by Director. Teachers will check stalls and wipe down sinks after their class is finished in the bathrooms.
2. Younger / new students will be accompanied, whenever possible, to ensure social distancing and good hygiene

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1. Children will be safely spaced in the hall ways while waiting for the bathroom.
2. Classes will step aside until the bathroom is free to use

**RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATION**

1. We will continue to coordinate with the CDC, local health officials, the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and area school districts in order to stay current on the latest important information for the health and well-being of your children.
2. We will coordinate with these officials in order to confirm strategies that will be most appropriate for our specific community’s situation.
3. We will communicate information with our families through email and our private Facebook Group. Teachers will provide email addresses to parents to maintain open lines of communication. As always, we encourage all families to call Maryann/Deirdre in the main office, with any and all concerns, 610-539-1770.
4. It is of the utmost importance to keep all contact information current!
5. Please note the best contact phone number in case of emergency.
6. Parents should plan a course of action for the immediate pick up of your child(ren) in the case of illness or injury.

**NOTES:**

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(I.) Plan for sick staff members:

1. Calling in Sick

All Teachers have a list of teachers and volunteers to call in case of illness. Teachers are encouraged to let the staff in her class know of the substitutions, as well as Maryann.

1. Leaving Work Sick

Teachers not feeling well during their shift should remove themselves ASAP to ensure the health and wellbeing of others. A full face mask and gloves will be used until exiting the building. A replacement should be called for the next shift (s)

A short term substitute will be called if necessary.

1. Staff cannot return to work until 24 hours fever/symptom free or with a doctor’s note.

(II.) Plan for sick children

1. Call Parents/ caregivers for immediate pick up
2. Isolate and treat.

Sick children will be isolated from the rest of the students and staff and made comfortable until parents or guardians pick up.

1. Student cannot return to school until 24 hours fever/symptom free or with a doctor’s note.

(III.) CDC Recommended solution ratio etc.

Alcohol based hand sanitizers need to be at least 60% alcohol based.

Diluted bleach solutions

2 tbsp./quart in spray bottles

1/2 cup per gallon of water

Surfaces need to air dry to be effective.

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**HEALTH & SAFETY WAIVER**

The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has recommended Child care providers follow the CDC guidance to the best of their abilities. It lists what programs ‘should’ do (not ‘must’ do). Olivet-Schwenkfelder United Church of Christ and Lil’ Angels Christian Preschool have put in place new protocols to ensure that all of our church members, staff, students and their families, remain safe and healthy.

Each family will be given the new standards and guidelines that will be in place for the 2021-2022 School Year. These new protocols have been devised by the recommendations from The Center for Disease Control (CDC), the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), Governor Wolf’s Office and Montgomery County Health Dept.

With all the information and safe guards in place, there is not a proven 100% prevention of Covid-19, without a vaccine. We are confident that strict compliance to our health and safety measures (attached), in conjunction with the support and cooperation of our preschool families, we can have a safe and successful Preschool opening.

In signing this waiver, you are stating that you understand that however prepared we may be to ensure the health and safety of your child, the risk of infection still remains, and OSUCC and Lil’ Angels will not be held libel.

\_\_\_\_ I have read the **Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Communicable Diseases**.

\_\_\_\_ I have read the **Daily Health and Safety Procedures.**

\_\_\_\_ I have provided a **copy of my Covid Vaccination in order to enter Lil’ Angels Christian Preschool**

 **with my child.**

\_\_\_\_ I agree with and will adhere to the new health and safety measures in place.

\_\_\_\_ Understanding that there is no absolute measures (including vaccinations) that will prevent the existence/transmission of Covid 19 and its variants, I release Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC and Lil’ Angels Christian Preschool form any and all liability.

Child: Date:

Parent:

**Addendum to the**

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*What denotes a temporary or total school closure, with regards to Covid-19?*

1. Certain criteria needs to be met in ensuring that all our students and staff remain healthy and safe. The original guidelines stipulate the preschool ‘will be shut down temporarily or fully due to known Covid-19 exposures (staff or student) within in our school building’.
2. Another reason the preschool will need to (temporarily or fully) shut down is due to staffing shortages. It has been calculated that Lil’ Angel’s Christian Preschool can safely, efficiently and in compliance with the Department of Human Services of Pennsylvania, with a maximum of 2 teachers absent.
3. When a third teacher either tests positive for Covid-19 or has a known Covid-19 exposure (i.e. family member) and needs to quarantine, the school will close until we are back to 2 teachers absent or a full staff, whichever comes first.
4. An email will be sent to all the families and staff of Lil’ Angels Preschool stating the cause for closures, approximately how long, and when a longer school closure denotes any tuition adjustments. We continue to be as transparent as we can but do reserve the right to honor HIPA guidelines in not concealing the identity of persons directly involved.
5. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the office and speak to Deirdre at *610-539-1770* or email Maryann at *lilangelschristianpreschool@gmail.com*. [NOTE: Maryann may be working as one of the main substitute teachers, but will be able to call answer emails and return calls after 3pm].