

# St Philip Lutheran Preschool COVID-19 Guidelines

## **Children or staff with symptoms of COVID:**

Children and staff will be excluded from preschool if they have -

- Any one (1) of the following
  - fever, or
  - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or
  - loss of taste or smell, or
- Any two (2) of the following
  - sore throat, and/or
  - muscle aches, and/or
  - chills, and/or
  - new or worsening cough

NOTE: Parents of a child with any of these symptoms, or who have these symptoms themselves, should consider keeping their child at home.

Children exhibiting these symptoms during the course of the school day will be moved respectfully to a room with the Director where they can be distanced from other children and staff, and will be given a mask to wear while being evaluated.

## **Return to Preschool:**

1. Parents and/or staff members will be advised not to return until they have met the criteria for a safe return.
2. Anyone excluded for the above symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical exam determines that their symptoms were due to another cause.
3. Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and anyone with symptoms who chooses not to get tested should isolate for:
  - ten (10) days have passed since symptoms began, AND
  - three (3) days, 72 hours, have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce it, AND
  - overall improvement with symptoms.
4. Anyone who tests positive but does not have any symptoms, will be required to stay out of the preschool for ten (10) days after the test was taken.

Locations for testing sites can be found on the SCDHEC website:

<https://scdhec.gov>

## **Contagious in the facility or not in the facility:**

Contagious period = if an individual tests positive, they could have been contagious up to 48 hours before any symptoms began. If they tested positive with no symptoms, their contagious period begins two (2) days prior to their testing date.

- **Not in the facility when contagious:**

If an individual or household member has COVID-19, they will not return to preschool until they've met the criteria for return, (see **Return to Preschool** guidelines above).

- **In facility when contagious:**

- The classroom must be cleaned and disinfected before it can be used again.
- The preschool will notify all parents that they should monitor their children for symptoms for 14 days.
- The preschool will monitor staff and children for symptoms that will include daily temperature checks.
- Anyone in close contact (defined as: spending more than 15 minutes with the COVID positive person and being within 6 feet of them) must quarantine for 14 days.

**\*\*Please be aware that as a staff, we will err on the side of caution\*\***