

**We Have a Plan
to Keep Our
Students and
Community Safe**



PRE-KINDERGARTEN FAQ
REOPENING
PLAN 2020

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Pre-Kindergarten

Question: How will the District's Pre-Kindergarten classes minimize the spread of illness for in-person instruction?

Answer: Where possible, large groups will be divided allow more children to safely use the space. Classrooms will be rearranged to seat children as far apart as reasonably possible and limit the number of children sitting together. Before reopening, we will ensure all water systems and drinking fountains are safe following CDC guidelines. Other policies related to our physical space include: All unused material will be stored away out of the reach of children. Cubbies and shelving units will be pushed together or placed along the wall to allow for more space and to limit the use of shared material.

Question: How will Pre-Kindergarten shared Instructional Materials be handled for face to face instruction?

Answer: Teachers will remove toys and objects which cannot be easily cleaned or sanitized between use. Cloth toys will be removed from classrooms. We will temporarily suspend use of water and sensory tables. Toys will be washed and sanitized before being moved from one group of children to another.

Question: How will exposure to illness be reduced during mealtimes?

Answer: Seating will be spaced as far apart as possible (ideally 6 feet apart) by limiting the number of children sitting together and rearranging seating. Meals will be served in the classroom instead of group dining spaces. Staff and children will wash hands before and immediately after children have eaten. Pre-Kindergarten will suspend family style meals. As with K-12, lunches will be grab and go. Staff will distribute lunches to each individual child.

Question: Will visitors be allowed in Pre-Kindergarten classrooms?

Answer: In general, external partners and volunteers will be limited in buildings to reduce the number of individuals in buildings, offices and classrooms. Only essential visitors, volunteers, and partners will be allowed to regularly engage in District activities, and they must adhere to the same protocols as other adults, including daily symptom checks, negative COVID-19 testing, and wearing of face coverings. Essentials visitors include:

- Licensing consultants from LARA (Licensing and Regulatory Affairs)
- City of Detroit Environmental Inspectors
- Lead and Fire Inspectors
- Wayne RESA Consultants
- DPSCD Early Childhood Administrators/Supervisors/Social Workers

Question: What will Pre-Kindergarten Class sizes be for the 2020-2021 school year?

Answer: During this time, we will maintain the following group sizes: GSRP Preschoolers, 4 years of age until school-age – up to 16 students. Two staff members shall be present at all times to ensure ratio is maintained. A third person will rotate within all Pre-K classrooms to provide coverage, lunch/snack assistance, disinfecting of classroom material and furniture. The third person will also assist with Kindergarten transition when available.

Question: Will Pre-Kindergarten students be required to wear a mask?

Answer: Consistent groups will be maintained among Pre-Kindergarten students, which means children do not need to wear a mask. However, children should wear a face covering when they must go outside of their assigned classroom (i.e. restroom not located in classroom, indoor play area).

Question: Will there be online learning resources for Pre-Kindergarten students?

Answer: Consistent with the District's plan, Early Childhood will offer an online learning option with our curriculum partners, Teaching Strategies.

Question: How will exposure to illness be reduced during naptime for the early intervention program?

Answer: To reduce potential for viral spread, we will engage in the following recommended practices:

- Using bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags) that can be washed.
- Bedding that touches a child's skin will be cleaned weekly or before use by another child.
- Storing each child's bedding in individually labeled bins, cubbies, or bags.
- Labeling each child's cot/mat.
- Ensuring that children's naptime mats/cots/cribs are spaced out as much as possible, ideally 18 inches apart – head to toe
- When possible, children will be placed head-to-toe (i.e., one child with their head at the top of the mat, the next child over with their head at the bottom of the mat).
- Items brought from home during this time will be limited. We ask that families refrain from bringing items from home, however, a change of clothing should be provided. All bedding and extra clothing will be placed in an individual labeled bag for each child.



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