



We are HEROES

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Embrace. We follow these guidelines for the greater good.

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LBM COVID-19 Guidelines

We all continue to be concerned about news related to COVID-19. The safety of children in our care is our highest priority. As a preschool we recognize that child health includes social, emotional and mental well-being. Providing a safe place for children to learn and grow together can be critically important to establishing a sense of comfort and normalcy.

Our **HEROES** campaign is designed to guide our approach to life at the preschool during COVID but also to encourage the entire LBM community to work together to mitigate community spread. Over the last year, we have carefully monitored pandemic developments, and, in response, we will be implementing the following policies and procedures on our campuses. As always, we will make sure our children are nurtured, loved, learning, and joyfully engaged in rich academic experiences.

Modified Campus Policies

Hygiene. We wash our hands and cover coughs and sneezes.

1. Children will wash hands upon arrival prior to class and throughout the day. We will educate children about how to cover their cough or sneeze.
2. We will work to follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and sanitizing toys and surfaces whenever possible.
3. Playground equipment will be cleaned between classroom visits.

Empower. We take precautions to protect ourselves and others.

4. Parents should check their children's temperature from home, prior to school, every day. We have a collective responsibility to protect one another. Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting shortness of breath or rapid breathing, cough, fever, lethargy, flushed cheeks, or other COVID-related symptoms.

Recognize. We know the risks of exposure.

5. The decision to return to school is highly personal and should be made by each family based on the child's present health, the risk of infection and the presence of any vulnerable individuals within their household. Sending your child to school is voluntary. Little Big Minds will take appropriate precautions whenever possible, but there are inherent risks of exposure in all school environments.



By sending your child to school, you acknowledge the risks and agree to hold harmless, Little Big Minds, its representatives, or members of its community.

6. Children will remain with their classes during the indoor academic day but they may be co-mingled with other classes outdoors and during before and aftercare.

Organize. We work together to stay together to minimize exposure.

7. We require ALL adults (parents and staff members) to be masked while indoors on campus and in all areas where social distancing is difficult (ie...drop-off/pick-up). Children are encouraged but not required to wear masks.
8. Parents will be allowed on campus this year for drop off, pick up and special events as long as we can do so safely. We reserve the right to change this policy if we believe it is in our children's best interest.
9. We ask all families to take appropriate precautions outside of school. We know that large groups can increase risk of exposure. Please use discretion as you gather and wear masks where possible. Preventing contagion is our best hope at keeping our classrooms healthy.

Embrace. We follow these guidelines for the greater good.

10. Among the many lessons we have learned from COVID, the most enduring will be that we are all interconnected. We cannot live in a bubble. What we do affects those around us. We are asking our community to embrace our mask policy, screen children for symptoms, and keep children home when they are sick. These simple measures will help us protect one another. Thank you for embracing these policies so we can keep our community safe.

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11. If a child shows signs of illness in the classroom, they will immediately be removed and isolated in a private area. Parents will be asked to pick their child up from school. A child who exhibits 2 or more symptoms on the COVID checklist will not be able to return to school without a doctor's written note.
12. Children or staff members who present with a fever must stay home for 72 hours and must provide a doctor's note clearing the patient of any communicable disease in order to return to school.
13. A child/adult who tests positive for COVID will be subject to quarantine for 10 days from start of symptoms or 14 days from exposure. A child/adult may return to school after 7 days with a negative COVID test.
14. Confirmed classroom exposures will result in a 72-hour closure for deep cleaning. The affected child/teacher must quarantine for 10 days from initial presentation of symptoms or 14 days from initial exposure. Everyone (children and teachers) in the affected classroom will be quarantined for 72-hours and must provide proof of a negative COVID test to return to class. If you choose not to provide proof of negative COVID test, you must quarantine for the full 14-day period to ensure absence of symptoms. Please note that tuition will not be refunded or prorated due to temporary closure or absence for any reason.

We are aware that the virus is evolving and we are ready to modify our plan accordingly. We will continue to seek counsel from local health experts, districts and schools as we learn from their successes in managing this pandemic. There are obvious and inherent risks in all school environments. Our goal is to mitigate those risks wherever possible while continuing to provide care for children and families who need it. As you know, it is a delicate balance and everyone must do what is best for their families. Thank you so much for being a part of Little Big Minds. Let's be **HEROES** together!



HEALTH POLICY

We are all understandably concerned about recent news related to COVID-19. The safety of children in our care is our highest priority. As a preschool, we recognize that child health includes social, emotional, and mental well-being. Providing a safe place for children to learn and grow together can be critically important to establishing a sense of comfort and normalcy.

Please review the following Sick Child/Health Policy and strictly adhere to the guidelines presented here. If your child feels sick, please keep them home. For the health and safety of all of our children, symptoms that would exclude a child from care include:

- Fever of more than 100°.
- Unexplained rash or sores. (children may return to school with a written notice from the Doctor)
- Discharge from eyes, ears or nose. (children may return to school with a written notice from the Doctor)
- Vomiting or Diarrhea.
- Productive cough or dry cough lasting more than one week without doctor attention.
- Any illness or injury that keeps a child from participating in regular activity.
- Two or more COVID-related symptoms (muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, fever/chills, loss of taste/smell, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)

From time-to-time our children are unavoidably exposed to contagious illness. If that happens, we alert parents through Health Notices. These notices outline school policy and individual prevention measures with regard to specific illnesses and will be posted in the office, and outside the classroom.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Given ongoing COVID concerns, we will err on the side of caution. Children/teacher may not return to school until they have been FEVER-FREE for at least 72 hours. Children/teacher with a fever and/or two or more COVID-related symptoms must also provide a doctor's note or a negative COVID test in order to return to school.

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Little Big Minds will take appropriate precautions whenever possible but there are inherent risks of exposure in all school environments. If you or your child have underlying health risks, please consult a doctor. By sending your child to school, you acknowledge the risks and agree to hold harmless, Little Big Minds, its representatives, or members of its community.