



Back to School Plan for 2020-2021

This is an unprecedented time in education as schools across the country learn how to operate during the pandemic. Cross of Christ Preschool highly values the safety and wellbeing of our students, their families and our staff. As we prepare to reopen for another school year, we are making sure we do so with the appropriate health and safety measures in place. We are following guidance from our federal, state, and local health officials. The amended and new policies and procedures stated in this document are to enhance and reinforce the health and safety measures we adhere to as a licensed preschool.

These new practices and policies may be reviewed, updated, modified or amended based on current events within our community for the health and safety of students, families, and our staff. Any changes will be communicated in a timely manner to all preschool families.

General Safety Precautions & Preventative Measures

- All staff will be trained on the importance of watching for symptoms.
- Students and staff with symptoms are urged to stay home.
- Symptoms may include, dry cough, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing, fever, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea
- Staff will conduct a temperature check for each student upon drop off. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be asked to return home. (please refer to amended illness policy).
- All staff and students will be trained on proper hand hygiene.
- All staff and students will be trained on precautions and preventative measures suggested by the CDC.
- Frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing is of utmost importance in reducing the spread of COVID.
- Cross of Christ staff will be in compliance with mask/face shield requirements and recommendations of local government and health department. Visitors to Cross of Christ will be asked to comply with these same recommendations.
- Increased cleaning, disinfecting and sanitation of classroom areas, supplies, learning centers, play equipment, etc. will be conducted daily.
- Arrangement of classroom to account for physical distancing as needed.
- Limit the use of shared materials and spaces.
- Parents may not enter the classroom unless by appointment.
- Only Cross of Christ personnel who have a role in the daily operations of preschool will be allowed in the classroom during school hours.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- All drop off and picks ups will take place at the west side entrance.
- Doors will open 10-15 minutes prior to start and end times.
- Parents or caregivers of the student may enter the lobby entrance if they feel comfortable to do so. We ask that only those needing to enter the building be present during drop off and pick up times. Please feel free to interact while using social distancing guidelines. All parents or caregivers will be required to wear a mask as directed by Ada County mandate.
- Parents or caregivers who do not feel comfortable or have other children with them, can contact the office for drive thru drop off and pick up.
- All persons entering the building will be asked to use the hand sanitizing station.
- All students will have their temperature taken prior to entering the classroom.
- Parents will continue to sign in and sign out their child at the check in station. At this time, only staff and students will be allowed in the classroom.

Illness Policy

The safety and wellbeing of all staff, children, and the families at Cross of Christ continue to be of utmost importance to us. We are committed to taking all precautions toward keeping students and staff safe and healthy, including during the current time of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Children will be monitored for signs or symptoms of Covid-19 daily.

Children will be asked to stay home or return home if any of the following applies:

- Have a fever of 100.4 or higher
- Have had a fever of 100.4 or higher or other potential symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath or persistent dry cough, within the last 72 hours.
- Have come in contact with others who have COVID-19. Please contact the school if this is the case.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Children with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to others with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home.
- Children who develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19 while at Cross of Christ will be immediately separated from others and a member of the staff will contact the family member and/or emergency contact to pick the child up.
- Please let us know if your contact information has changed so we can keep your child's file up to date. This is especially important for all contact and emergency contact information.
- We encourage families to practice frequent hand washing and preventive measures as suggested by the CDC.

If an enrolled child or employee tests positive for COVID-19:

- Central District Health will be contacted. The school will follow their guidance for next steps.
- Cross of Christ Preschool will post and notify families of any confirmed staff or child cases of COVID-19.

Returning to preschool after suspected COVID-19 symptoms:

If a staff member or child has symptoms of COVID-19 or is in close contact of someone with COVID-19, they can return to preschool if the following conditions are met:

- If an individual has a fever, cough or shortness of breath and has not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they can return to school no sooner than 72 hours after the fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms get better. If the person's symptoms worsen, they should contact their healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19.
- If an individual is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must remain out of school for a minimum of 7 days after the onset of first symptoms. They may return under the following conditions:
 - If they had a fever: 3 days after the fever ends without the use of fever-reducing medication AND there is improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath).
 - If they did not have a fever: 3 days after they see an improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath).

Thank you for the taking the time to review our back to school plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we continue to work through this together. At this time, Cross of Christ will not be providing a remote learning option. Students enrolled at Cross of Christ will be provided with in person education only. We will promptly communicate with families with additional plans if this changes due to guidance from local and state officials. Cross of Christ Preschool is dedicated to creating a safe and healthy program for your child this school year.

