

Beautiful Savior Lutheran School Childcare Programs

COVID-19 Protocol

All procedures and recommendations have been taken from [COVID 19 Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guidance: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), [Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Circulars](#) and the Province of Manitoba Website www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

BSLS nursery school has created new measures to ensure that it keeps up with the health orders issued by the Province. Parents must be aware that with these measures in place, drop off times will take longer than usual, and we recommend that parents give themselves extra time at drop off, so that our staff can go through the required procedures daily.

Important: If you are ill, stay home, even if the symptoms are not extreme. If your child is ill, your child must stay home.

Before leaving your home:

- Parents must complete the screening sheet at home and bring to centre. The centre will provide families with questionnaires for a week's period at a time.
- **Please note, you will not be allowed access to the centre if you do not have a form completed and ready to be handed in.**

Drop off:

- Enter by using the door beside main entrance of the church. Please continue to the bottom of the stairwell where you will sign your child in on the attendance sheet provided. If another family is at the bottom of the stairwell, please wait for them to exit before you go downstairs.
- The main doors to the nursery school room will be locked. After signing your child in, please knock on the main door where a staff member will meet you.
- Transfer of care and screening will occur at the door. Please submit your completed daily questionnaire to the welcoming staff.
- A staff member will help your child wash their hands and put their snack bag away.

Pick up:

- All children will be outside at the play structure across from the church's parking lot for pick up time at 11:15 a.m.

Currently families will not be allowed in the nursery school room.

Practice Social Distancing: There will be times when more than one family will be arriving at the same time as you. Please follow "social distancing" protocol and keep your distance from others. Be patient as we will move through the protocols as quickly as possible.

Centre's Hygiene and Cleaning Protocol?

- The centre already has a sanitization protocol in place, we will continue to do our due diligence and clean/sanitize the toys daily and throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer, soap and paper towels will be supplied by the centre. Children and staff will be required to wash their hands when entering the building, before and after each activity, at snack, after nose blowing and using the bathroom.
- In cases where a toy has been mouthed, the toy will be washed immediately and then sanitized.
- All surfaces that are touched frequently — such as door handles, light switches, faucets, tables, chairs, etc. — will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Toys will be rotated, washed and disinfected more often.

Lunches / Snacks and Water Bottles:

- Parents are responsible to send a snack for their child daily.
- It is required that parents send their children with food in child friendly containers that children can easily open and close by themselves.
- It is required that parents send utensils for their children (one-time use utensils are recommended).
- It is required that parents send a water bottle for their child to use during the day, at snack and lunch time. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child's water bottle is clean and sanitized daily.

Toys:

- Toys from home will not be allowed at the centre.
- We have removed all plush toys.
- Sensory play will not be used at this time.
- Children will not use or handle play dough, sand and/or sensory tables, as these items cannot be easily disinfected.
- Although it is not a major risk factor, the centre has decided to remove all dress up clothes from the rooms being used at this time.

What physical-distancing measures will be observed?

- The daycare playground will be utilized by the children in our care.
- We have set up the environment to encourage distanced play.
- Staff will set up play stations with limited numbers of children at each station.

If a child becomes ill while in our care:

- The child and a caregiver will be separated from the other children and care providers. The caregiver will dress in PPE.
- We will try our absolute best to put a mask on your child (but we will not force your child to wear one).
- We will call you so you can pick up your child. You will need to pick up your child within 1 hour of receiving the phone call.
- All your child's belongings will be sent home with your child, so they can be washed.
- As recommended parents will be instructed to contact Public Health and follow any direction related to their child's health.