



Health and Safety Plans for School Year 2022/2023

Disclaimer: Administrators and staff at Locust First Baptist Preschool are not health and safety experts. We cannot identify every possible scenario but have done our best to provide for the needs of the children.

The health and safety of your children, your families, and our staff is our top priority. Our endeavor is to do as much as we can to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases within our program. Please read through these policies and procedures carefully.

We will continue to operate within the rules of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Child Care Guidance just as we always have.

Tours will be given by appointment only during center hours until further notice.

We will also have each family sign a disclosure statement that they will comply with our Health and Safety Plan. There is an extra copy of the statement on the last page of this document. Please return the signature page. This statement will be kept on file with your child's records.

In order to maintain the healthiest environment at our program, it is vital that children and staff who display symptoms of illness remain at home.

Children with any of the following symptoms will not be allowed to attend:

Temperature of ≥ 100.4	Loss of taste or smell
Cough	Known close contact with a person who is
Shortness of breath or	lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or awaiting test
Difficulty breathing	results

- While we know that some COVID-19 symptoms are similar to those of allergies or a cold, we reserve the rights to deny entrance to those we feel have some of the symptoms which may create an unsafe/unsanitary environment for others at the school. This will also apply if any person(s) dropping off a child each day is showing symptoms.
- There is a minimum 72- hour exclusion rule for those that show symptoms and the center reserves the right to implement the exclusion rule up to 5 days.
- The center reserves the right to implement the 5 day rule for children sent home with a fever. The child would also need to be fever-free for 72 hours **without medication**, symptom improvement, including coughing and shortness of breath, before returning.

Drop Off/Pickup Procedures:

- Families will be greeted at the Chapel or one year old room entrance each morning. One parent and/or other family member will be allowed just inside the building's entrance.
- We will do our best to have someone greet you from 8:55 a.m.-9:15 a.m. and from 12:50 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Ask teacher for staggered time of your child's class. If for some reason no one is at the door, please ring the bell and someone will be with you as soon as possible.



- All children should arrive by 9:00 a.m. each morning. If you must arrive later than this, please call the office so that we can plan appropriately and meet you at the door.
- At pick up, we will have children waiting for pick up in Chapel area and or One year old classroom. We will have children ready to dismiss upon your arrival.

Health and Safety in the Classroom:

- All frequently touched surfaces such as light switches, doorknobs, faucets, counters, tables, chairs, and toys will be disinfected throughout the day and after dismissal of the last student.
- An enhanced, thorough cleaning will be performed each evening in all areas of the center.
- Children should bring two changes of clothing. Guidelines recommend more frequent clothing changes when/if the clothing is soiled. We are asking you to send **two complete sets of changes of clothes for your child**. This would include two sets of the following: shirts, pants/shorts, underwear, and socks. Please put each set in a Ziploc style bag, labeled with your child's name. We will keep these in their cubbies in their classroom. As we need to use them, we will send home soiled clothing in the bag. Please make sure to replace the extra clothes the following day.
- We must limit what is brought into the center for sanitation reasons. All items will be stored in your child's cubby each day and sent home on Thursday to be cleaned and returned.
- We are required to play outside daily, weather permitted. We are encouraged to have as much playtime OUTSIDE as possible. During cold weather your child should bring a jacket or sweater.

Illness During the Day:

- If a child begins to exhibit symptoms of illness, we will isolate that child in a safe, secure and caring environment until he/she is picked up. Parents should pick up a sick child as quickly as possible. If your work makes this impossible, please make sure to have another designated person who can pick up your child.
- We will follow health and safety guidelines from the state and local public health authorities to determine when a return to the program is appropriate for both staff and children.

Meals:

- All surfaces will be disinfected before any meals are prepped or served.
- All staff and children will wash hands before and immediately after meals.
- With concerns for safety and the spread of germs we are asking that all lunches are marked with your child's name.

Communication:

If the current situation changes and it becomes necessary to update our procedures or close our program temporarily, we will notify you via our Facebook page and by phone messages.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

I agree and certify to all the following statements:

- I agree to follow the Locust First Baptist Health and Safety Plan upon arrival/and drop off.
- I agree that we must follow these guidelines every day unless I have been informed of changes in the Locust First Baptist Preschool daily procedures.



This page is for your personal records:

I acknowledge that I have been given a copy of the Locust First Baptist Preschool Health and Safety Plan which includes the following:

- Drop Off/Pickup Procedures
- Health and Safety in the Classroom
- Illness During the Day
- Meals
- Communication

By signing this form, which will be kept with my child's file, I am agreeing and certifying all statements listed above are true. Failure to notify Locust First Baptist Preschool verbally of any changes in our health status or to be truthful and comply with these statements will result in dismissal for the program.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Please sign and return this page on the first day of attendance:

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