



Early Childhood Parent FAQ: Covid-19



This is a list of frequently asked questions. Many responses have been taken from the comprehensive district Re-Entry plan, which houses thorough information regarding each topic. Please refer to that plan for more in-depth information.

What will Open House look like?

In tandem with other district schools, Open House this year will be virtual. The BECC website will soon house classroom specific information as well as overall school information regarding Open House. We are creating a video of BECC with contributions from your child's specific classroom and staff (with and without masks). These videos will soon be posted on our website so that you and your child can view them prior to school. We will also provide a schedule to drop off materials prior to school.

Will there continue to be on site Parents as Teachers visits?

At this time PAT visits are performed virtually. There will not be group meetings or in-center visiting..

Is the air filtration system safe?

The air filtration system is safe. The filters are changed monthly and during the summer all air ducts and air inlets/outlets were scrubbed.

What/where will drop off and pick up be?

We will be meeting you and your children at the classroom back doors. Please follow the traffic pattern to your child's room. Parking will be labeled so as to minimize danger in the lot. Please follow the signage and use caution when in the parking lot.

Will there be social distancing in the classroom?

The nature of early childhood student development does not allow for traditional social distancing, however, our classrooms are large and the children will have space to interact around the room. We will be classroom distancing, meaning our classroom as a whole will function distanced from other classrooms. Very few students are in more than one class.

Will the early childhood students be required to wear masks?

We will not be requiring masks for our early childhood students. If you would like for your student to wear a mask, they are welcome to.

Handwashing

Our standard procedure is that students wash their hands every time they enter the classroom and before/after eating. Additional hand washing will be recommended throughout the day as classroom staff deem appropriate.

Hand Sanitizers

We are adding hand sanitizers to every room and to each building entrance. Because the sanitizer has to be alcohol based, out of abundance of safety to the students, we are placing those that are in the rooms out of the children's reach, but accessible by the staff to pump the sanitizer to the children's hands.

What if my child has symptoms?

Please do not medicate your child and send them to the center.

Please keep your child home if any of the following symptoms are present

- A new fever (100.4 or higher) or a sense of having a fever
- A new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition
- New shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition
- Have you lost any sense of smell or taste
- A new sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition
- New muscle aches that cannot attribute to another health condition, or that were caused by a specific activity such as physical exercise
- Have you had any close contact with a person that has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID19 or demonstrated any of the above symptoms

What if I have symptoms?

Please use your best judgment and communicate with the program nurses Emily/Elena/Ann or the Director of Early Childhood, Kristin Clemons, to discuss the circumstances.

What if someone we know and were around tests positive? Will the center close?

Each situation will be handled individually. Please communicate with the center director, Kristin Clemons, to discuss the circumstances.

What if a student gets sick while at school? Will they stay around the other children?

We will have a second location for students that may be symptomatic.

What if I get a call to pick up my child?

Please come immediately. In the past we could accommodate your sick child for an hour or more, but with the concern around this virus, it is very important that you arrive very quickly. If you are unable to arrive within 20 minutes or less, please have a dependable backup person ready to do so.

What will the shared space procedures be?

Shared spaces will be minimized and will likely be limited to the large center big room (for before and after care and spaced/distanced nap times), the playground and the garden. The playground/garden will each be used by one class at a time. We are following all CDC recommended cleaning practices.

Will our children share materials with others in the classroom?

Some materials can be shared and cleaned, whereas others may not be able to be cleaned. We are taking all of this into consideration as we select materials. We will be providing individual portions of any play dough used.

Will the students be eating together centrally, as a large group, or in their classrooms?

Students will eat in their classrooms.

What will nap/rest time look like?

Nap time will be spread apart at a six foot distance. Students will be grouped together by classroom, six feet apart on their cots. They will return to their respective classrooms.

Are the water fountains in use?

The water fountains have all been turned off. If you prefer, please send your child with a water bottle. We will also provide cups for student use that can be used and then sanitized or disposed of.

Will there be additional outside time?

While we realize the importance of outside time, we are also balancing that with the desire to keep one classroom of students out at a time. We are using both the garden and playground to assure that students experience ample outside time each day.

Will adults all be wearing masks?

All adults will be following all CDC/county and state guidelines regarding wearing masks.

What should I do if I see someone not following protocols?

Please talk to Kristin Clemons, Director of Early Childhood Education.

Will I get tuition reimbursement if I un-enroll my child?

Tuition will be reimbursed if you un-enroll your child, however, we cannot hold a spot for your child to re-enroll at another time. We will determine availability when you decide to re-enroll.

Will I be refunded tuition if the school or district closes for an extended period of time?

The Brentwood School Board will determine if, and/or to what extent, tuition can be refunded if the school or district closes for an extended period of time.

Will my child be participating in field trips?

At this time, we do not have any planned trips, but we will assess the ability to participate based on the current information at the time of the request.

Will the center be doing special events that require volunteers or visitors?

The district is doing everything possible to limit the spread, and as part of that effort, we are not accepting volunteers and visitors at this time. Future communications will be provided regarding events and volunteers.

Can I send my child's belongings daily? If so, what should I consider?

In tandem with the elementary schools, backpacks will not be entering the building. At drop off on your child's first day each week, please bring their nap belongings clean, and we will store them in your child's cubby/reusable grocery bag. This will keep their blankies and sheets clean in between uses. Please clean your child's nap belongings as per the classroom schedule. Classroom creations can be provided to parents when the students are picked up.

Will staff be screening their health?

Each day staff will be conducting a self-screening for covid symptoms before entering the building.

Will parents be required to wear masks at drop off and pick up?

Parents will be required to follow all CDC county/state guidelines provided, which at this time is to wear a mask at drop-off/pick-up.

What if there is another "shut down"? What will be available to my child educationally?

If the CDC requires school closure, the program will provide in-home activities to you so that you can help facilitate the children's continued learning.

Are the cleaning agents safe?

The disinfectant used by the district is not harmful when used properly. Each of our cleaning products comes with a Safety Data Sheet that provides guidelines on use. When intentionally swallowed or spilled on skin or in eyes, it may cause irritation per the Safety Data Sheet, but normal use has not been shown to cause any adverse health effects. All cleaning materials are stored out of reach of children. Staff members are instructed to use disinfectant only when children are not present. Many of the cleaning materials we use are standard and contain the same ingredients that are typically found in cleaning supplies used to clean other public spaces as well as homes.

Where can I find updated information regarding center processes?

Please go to the BECC website <http://ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org/>