

Dear Parents:

As most of you know, there has been an increasing concern over the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Myself and the leadership at First Baptist Church would like to take a moment to address the current health crisis. We encourage everyone not to panic or be fearful, we know the Lord is in control in all situations. However, we do want to share with you some basis information and let you know what we as a childcare center are doing to try to prevent illness to the extent that we can. We need your help in these areas.

Prevention:

If anyone in your household has traveled to an impacted area or has been in contact with a diagnosed individual, the CDC recommends remaining at home for 2 weeks and seeking medical attention if any symptoms appear.

As per our regular illness policy, children must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to care or have been released to return by a doctor. Symptoms requiring exclusion include fever, cough, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, shortness of breath, diarrhea, and rashes.

We recommend that children, parents and teachers receive an annual flu vaccination. The flu vaccination. The flu vaccination will not prevent Coronavirus, but it is a critical piece of our ongoing wellness and illness prevention plan.

Responses to Confirmed Cases:

Parents should notify MDO IMMEDIATELY if there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus in the household. The center will notify the CDC and work in conjunction with them on an appropriate response plan. In the highly unlikely event that the school will need to close temporarily to prevent further infections, we will notify parents immediately with detailed information.

During a school closure we will operate under the following expectations:

1. Children enrolled in a closed program should not enter group care at an alternate location during the quarantine period – this will only further spread the virus and increase your child's exposure.
2. Tuition will still be due during the closure period in order to ensure that staff can be retained.
3. Classes will resume as soon it is deemed safe by the CDC. Closures are not expected to last more than 2-4 weeks and will only be necessary for extreme conditions.
4. Due to sibling enrolled in multiple schools through the Hays CISD district, we will follow the district's actions and advice on closures and quarantines.

Our teachers are working hard to be vigilant for your children's health. All surfaces and materials are sanitized diligently to prevent the spread of illness. Handwashing is required by staff and children upon entering the classroom, before snacks and meals, after playing outdoors, after toileting or diaper changes, and after wiping noses or faces, as well as anytime our staff deems it necessary.

Disclaimer:

We will continue to do everything within our power to keep our facility as clean as possible. However, while we take these extra precautions, we cannot be held liable for any exposure to COVID-19 that your child may experience. We pray for God's protection and grace on all our children and families of MDOCP. Thank you for your understanding.

Blessings,

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Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16