

Day One Christian Academy

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Policies

We are very blessed with your support and compassion as we navigate through necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of the children, families and staff at Day One Christian Academy. Below are policies and regulations implemented and include the emergency rules from the state of Texas that will be strictly implemented. These policies are subject to change at any time with new regulations or executive orders from the state. Updates will be communicated in a timely manner and posted to the Day One Website. These policies and procedures supersede all other school policies during the pandemic.

Entering the facility:

- Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, parents and caregivers will not be permitted to enter the facility beyond the designated drop off and pick up area under the Porte-Cochere. This is a safety procedure for all individuals present in the facility and to limit the risk of exposure.
- In the event there is an emergency requiring a parent or caregiver to enter the facility beyond the designated drop off and pick up area, you must sanitize your hands and wear a mask. You must also practice social distancing and remain 6ft from all people, except for your own child.
- Staff will assist with walking the children to and from the classrooms at pick up and drop off.

Screening:

- Screening will continue outside the lobby prior to entry. The QR code is posted on the door, or you may use the link bit.ly/gdlcscreening to answer the screening questions. Prior to submitting, you will show the answers to the screener.
- The screener will then check yours and your child's temperature. After temperatures are checked, a staff member will walk your child to class.
- At pick up, if you answered the screening questions at drop off, you will not need to be re-screened. If you did not complete the screening at drop off, then you must complete the screening questions.
- The screening process is required each day your child attends and entry will be denied to anyone who meets any of the following criteria:
 - Children, parents or staff exhibiting any symptoms including but not limited to:
 - Fever with a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain or aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Close contact in the last 14 days with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, someone who is under investigation for COVID-19, someone who is ill with a respiratory illness.
- International travel within the last 14 days

Masks:

- Masks must be worn by any individual ages 10 years and older when being screened.
- Staff must wear a mask when being screened and around adults.
- Teachers are required to wear a mask at all times, including in the classroom with the children.

Social Distancing Strategies

- All large gatherings have been cancelled, including chapels. Chapel is led by the teacher in their classroom.
- For consistency, classrooms include the same group of children and teacher(s) each day.
- We have limited the combining of children.
- Classroom ratios have been lowered.
- Minimalized traveling to different rooms and hallway traffic.
- Employees maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other individuals.
- In the event a teacher is out, the same substitute is used for consistency.

Clothing requirements:

- Children and staff must have multiple changes of clothing available at Day One. Any secretions on a child's or teacher's clothes require the clothing to be changed.
 - Contaminated clothes must be placed in a sealed plastic bag to be sent home and laundered.
 - Children and caregivers hands are washed after changing clothes.
 - *Reminder: Children are not allowed to wear another's belongings.
 - Infant bibs will be changed frequently when drooled upon.

Cloth Toys:

- Day One has removed cloth toys from all the classrooms to help reduce the spread of germs.
- Children may bring cloth materials for rest time only. Children's personal belongings will be required to stay in their sleep bags or cubbies.

Cleaning Procedures:

- Day One staff has intensified cleaning efforts in the classrooms and throughout the facility.
- Cleaning products are not used near the children.
- Staff routinely cleans, sanitizes, and disinfects surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, especially toys and games.
- Cleaning efforts have been enhanced for objects and surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, toilet training potties, and cubbies.
- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions are set aside until they are cleaned and disinfected by hand by the teacher wearing gloves.

Hand Hygiene:

- All children and staff engage in hand hygiene throughout the day.
- Hand hygiene is required at the following times, but not limited to:
 - Arrival to the facility and after breaks
 - Before and after preparing food or beverages
 - Before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children
 - Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
 - Before and after diapering
 - After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
 - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
 - After handling animals
 - After playing outdoors or in sand
 - After handling garbage.

Harris County Public Health Sick Protocols:

- If an employee or child has lab-confirmed COVID-19
 - Day One will report the case to the Harris County Public Health department. The Health Department will provide instruction on classroom and/or facility closure and cleaning procedures.
 - All areas will be closed off that were used by the individual who is sick.
 - Families in the affected classroom will be personally notified and required to quarantine for 14 days.
- A sick employee or child is not to return to Day One until:
 - At least 72 hours have passed after recovery AND improvement in respiratory symptoms AND at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared.
 - To return, a medical clearance is required.
- Any child or employee that had close contact with the person infected shall not return until the end of a 14 day quarantine from the last date of exposure.
- In the scenario where there is an employee or child that is confirmed, the health department recommends all individuals that may have been exposed to get tested.