

First Baptist Church

Weekday Education

Updated Policies and Procedures at Weekday During Covid-19

Effective February 8, 2023

We will continue to follow the Guidance of the MS Department of Health and the CDC. As of today (2-8), these guidelines are as follows:

Continued wellness check of children by observation at the classroom door and on-going temperature checks of children if children begin to show any symptoms of illness. If a child has fever and is **diagnosed with covid, they must remain home for 5 days**. If on the 6th day, they have been fever free and symptom free for 24 hours, they may return to childcare.

If a child is exposed to someone who has tested positive for covid, they may continue to attend childcare as long as they are fever and symptom free. Exposure is defined as 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of someone testing positive for the virus. Isolation from anyone who has tested positive is still recommended and encouraged to lessen the risk of transmission.

Teachers and children will continue to wash hands often and use hand sanitizer often throughout the day. Teachers will make sure that children's hands are washed throughout the day as listed in the MSDH Regulations for Childcare.

Teachers and staff will disinfect "high touch" areas such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink and toilet handles, door handles, countertops and surfaces twice per day using bleach water or other sanitizing cleaner. Toys, rugs, stuffed animals and puppets will be washed or sprayed with disinfectant at the end of the day.

Older classrooms will take turns using the CLC; classrooms of younger children will alternate using the hallway to play. Children will share playground space according to their classroom schedule.

Children will not be required to wear masks, but staff may elect to wear them out of caution as needed.

We hope that these precautions and guidance will help families as we continue to navigate the "waves of covid." We do have a filtration system in place that cleans and purifies the air. We are blessed to have all that we do and strive to continue to serve the families of FBC in the safest manner possible.