



EOC of Indian River and Okeechobee Counties Head Start Program



FAQ's for Preventative Measures for COVID-19 Transmission

1. What procedures are in place for drop off and pick up?

- Parents will pick up and drop off children at the designated location.
- Parents will be asked to not leave their vehicle at any time during the drop off/pickup.
- Staff will receive/drop off child to and from location.

2. How will my child be safe if they are riding the bus?

- Buses will be disinfected daily before and after services.
- Social distancing will be practiced on the buses with 1 child per seat (aside from siblings), and masks are mandatory.
- If the child does not have a mask upon entering buses, they will be provided one by the bus driver.

3. What screenings will be conducted to ensure my child is safe at school?

- Children and staff will have their temperature checked daily before entering the bus or building.
- Visual inspection of the child for signs of illness.
- Children exhibiting the following symptoms: flushed cheeks, temperature of 100.4 or higher, difficulty breathing (without physical activity) fatigue, extreme fussiness, excessive cough, and diarrhea should not be allowed to enter the classroom.

4. What changes are being made in the classrooms?

- Perform frequent hand hygiene.
- We are following current local health, government, and CDC guidelines.
- Usage of EPA approved disinfectant on all touchpoints with an increased frequency of disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
- Deep cleaning will also take place before the start of school and afterwards.
- Children will be kept in separate classrooms and playground times have been altered.
- At nap time, children's mats will be spaced out as much as possible.



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- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions or excretions should be set aside until they are cleaned by hand by a person wearing gloves. Clean with water and detergent, rinse, sanitize with an EPA-registered disinfectant, rinse again, and air-dry.
- Staff are required to wear a mask and or face shields during school hours.
- Due to the age of the children, they are encouraged to wear mask but it is not required.

5. What will happen if I need to come to the Main Office or if my child needs to leave early?

- Schools will severely limit non-essential visitors and volunteers on campus.
- Parents must wear a mask to enter the building, and they must have their temperature taken.
- We strongly encourage visits by appointment only.
- Tardy notes and absence notes may be accepted by email instead of handwritten notes.

6. What if a child or staff member tests positive or develops symptoms, what will happen?

- Children and staff who present with a fever or other symptoms in class will need to be isolated, away from the other children in a designated area.
- Parents will be contacted and advised to pick up the child from school as quickly as possible.
- Any staff exhibiting symptoms will be sent home.
- Staff and children who are exhibiting mild symptoms (such as having fever, ear ache, or cough) can return upon receipt of documentation from a healthcare provider stating the child or staff is well enough to return to regular activities **or** the symptoms have been deemed by the healthcare provider to not be COVID-19 related **or** have been quarantined for no less than 10 days from the day symptoms started **and** have not had a fever for 24 hours (without medication) **and** symptoms have improved (they must meet all three of these criteria).
- If a staff or child is a confirmed case of COVID-19, those in contact with the staff or child will self-quarantine for no less than 10 days with or without symptoms to lessen the transmission to others. Those individuals can only return if they are symptom free for at least 10 days or symptoms have improved from the day symptoms starts.



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- The staff or child that is confirmed to have COVID-19 will have to self-quarantine for the recommended times the Health Department has deemed appropriate. This could be up to 20 days depending on the severity.
- **The staff or child that is confirmed to have COVID-19 does not have to have a negative test to return to work/school. They can return when they have been quarantined for no less than 10 days from the day symptoms started and have not had a fever for 24 hours (without medication) and symptoms have improved. All three criteria have to be met.**

7. How will breakfast, lunch and snack be served?

- The cafeteria staff will be following universal safety precautions for schools.
- Food will be prepackaged to minimize contact with food items and children.
- Children will be prohibited from sharing food or utensils.
- Children will not have to wear a mask when eating.