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COVID-19 UPDATE

HOW ARE K- 12 SCHOOLS CLOSED BUT TSONS IS OPEN?

Since TSONS is licensed as a nursery school/day care center we fall into the category of an essential school. We believe that since we are not a huge school district with multiple campuses that we have the ability to follow the State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines as well as those from the Department of Social Services.



CURRENT TSONS PROGRAMS

We are currently offering a hybrid of on campus classes as well as virtual classes on Zoom. All DK and Enrichment classes, as well as Parent and Me, are virtual only. Families are able to choose either one or both of these options for their child.

ON CAMPUS CLASSES

- Smaller class size with children divided into cohorts of 10 children or fewer with two teachers
- Children remain in these groups in order to maintain consistent cohorts
- To increase physical space between the groups on campus, we are utilizing only three of our classrooms (Room 5, the Cottage, and the Family Room)
- Each classroom will have it's own restroom
- The groups will play in separate play yards
- The groups will be in class on either Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or Tuesday and Thursday

VIRTUAL CLASSES

- Our younger nursery school aged children, our Pre-K children and those eligible for DK will have an opportunity to enroll in a virtual program. While virtual only, these programs will still give an opportunity for social exposure, a similar routine to the classroom, a consistent community of classmates and various activities.
- We will continue to have themed Enrichment classes available as an extension of either your child's on campus or virtual classroom
- The Nursery School, Enrichment and DK classes are 40 minutes each
- Parent and Me classes are 25-30 minutes each, with a separate evening (parent only) Zoom discussion opportunity
- Kits are often provided and families will pick them up at school during the designated pick up times



ARRIVAL AND HEALTH CHECKS

- Drop off and pick ups are in the parking lot with staggered arrival times and each classroom utilizes a separate entrance gate in order to reduce contact between groups.
- Once children arrive we will conduct a health screening before they exit the car. Each child's temperature is taken with a no-contact thermometer and parents will be asked screening questions about COVID related symptoms and exposure. If any child has any symptoms (with or without a fever) and/or an elevated temperature, they will not be permitted to enter campus.
- The parents or caregivers who drop off their children will wear a face mask while a staff member (also in a face mask) is performing the health screening and temperature checks, as well as when they sign their child out at the end of the day.
- Families, parents, and caregivers are required to wear a face mask while on campus. They must also undergo health screening and temperature check.
- We encourage all of our children to wear a face mask, however it is not required.

SAFETY MEASURES ON CAMPUS

We have developed a series of plans and protocols for our TSONS program that are based on all available resources and guidelines set forth by the CDC, the state of California, and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

The health and safety of our families, staff, and community are our primary concern.

INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDE:

Hand washing:

- Children wash hands multiple times throughout the day (i.e. upon arrival, after outdoor play, before and after snack, after toileting, before dismissal)



INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDE:

Hand washing (continued):

- Only one child at a sink
- Only two children in the bathroom at a time
- Teacher supervision is utilized to ensure proper time and technique is followed
- There are touch-free soap dispensers mounted by the sinks

Outside Play:

- At least half of the class time is spent outside
- We play with soapy water in the water tables
- Sand toys and buckets are placed in a large container after play and cleaned after each class
- We have removed the double tricycles and wagons where friends can ride together, and only have the single trikes
- Teachers will encourage personal space on slide, at the water table, and in the sand box
- With small classes, we are able to supply each child with their own toys (e.g. buckets, shovels, etc.) to discourage coveting/sharing toys
- Teachers diligently watch for unsanitary situations such as toys in the mouth, children getting in one another's faces, etc. Reminders are given and options for appropriate play is discussed
- There are a limited number of toys from which to choose
- High use toys are cleaned often during class (e.g. car ramp)
- Telephone talking tubes on climbing structures outside have been covered to eliminate that activity

Snack:

- Each child brings their disposable snack and water bottle from home
- In our younger classes, each child puts snack on a tray that is washed and sanitized after each use. This visual delineation is helpful with our youngest children.



Snack (continued):

- For our Pre-K classes, a maximum of three children will sit at the large round tables (which are meant to seat 8) for snack in order to maintain social distancing. These older children do not require the visual reminder.
- Children wash hands before and after snack
- When a child has a birthday, he or she may bring an individual cupcake, cookie or other special treat for him or herself (we will not have a shared special snack for the class).
- We will not cook in the classrooms due to food handling related safety precautions

Indoor Play:

- Children will either have their own supplies (markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, paintbrushes, playdough tools, etc.) to utilize or the supplies will be cleaned after each use, dependent on which is developmentally appropriate
- Playdough is divided and labeled with each child's name in individual Ziploc bags and stored in each child's cubby
- Elements for class projects are not shared. Single use materials are divided on trays (one for each child)
- We have removed all toys that either can not be sprayed or wiped down or that encourage back and forth social play (i.e. stuffed animals, dolls with hair, dress up clothes, hats and telephones)
- Individual materials are cleaned after rug times (flannel pieces, shakers, scarves, etc.)
- Classroom surfaces are sanitized between classes as well as throughout the day
- Toys have been separated into individual containers to allow for "dirty" toys to be removed from the classroom and outside areas in order to be cleaned. Clean and sanitized toys are brought in for the next class.
- Magnifying and/or colored looking glasses have been eliminated as a free choice activity and are now used in directed science activities and cleaned between each use.
- Pretend food toys have been removed from the younger classrooms as these toys may encourage children to put them in their mouths. This is not an issue in the Pre-K classroom.

**Tables:**

- Tables are cleaned and sanitized after each activity
- Tables are taped to show three spaces and only two or three children may sit at a table at a time. In Room 5, there are two or three chairs around the table with space between for snack and activities.
- There is a maximum of three children per table

Floor Play:

- Toys are placed apart
- Children are encouraged to not put faces together
- There are pieces of tape on the rug to help maintain physical distance during rug time
- Tape is placed on the floor for the younger classes to provide visual delineation when children are too close (i.e. dollhouse and floor around the dollhouse has a piece of blue tape down the middle)

"Clean-Up Time" Process in the Classroom:

- No toys are placed back on the shelves until after they are cleaned
- Toys are placed in a large plastic bin and washed/sanitized after class in our dedicated cleaning room

Increased Cleaning and Sanitation:

In order to properly implement all CDC recommendations and guidelines, we have taken the following steps to increase our cleaning and sanitation on campus:

- We have an additional cleaning crew to ensure that all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to the start of each class.
- We have an electrostatic sprayer that is used on outdoor surfaces (gates, handles, play yard structures). It cleans by charging a disinfectant solution as it passes through the sprayer nozzle. The charged disinfectant wraps around the surface it is sprayed on and leaves the entire surface sanitized.
- Common touch points in the environment are cleaned/sanitized throughout the day, and again deep cleaned at the end of class.



Increased Cleaning and Sanitation (continued)

- We have an electrostatic sprayer for use on some surfaces and toys inside the classrooms.
- Room 4 has been designated as the toy cleaning location. Each class has designated and labeled tables, one for their “dirty” toys and a table for their cleaned and sanitized toys

COVID-19 RELATED PRECAUTIONS

- All activities will be done within each individual group. No class pods are changed or mixed together. There is only one group playing in each play yard at a time.
- Our staff will undergo the same health checks and screening each day when they arrive on campus. All staff will wear appropriate face masks at all times.
- All classrooms will be thoroughly sanitized before each class begins.
- Due to food handling related safety precautions, families will be required to provide their own child’s disposable snack each day.
- In the event of potential or confirmed COVID exposure at school we will follow all guidelines and directions of our authoritative agencies. This may include the closure of an individual class or our entire campus on a temporary basis.
- We have a plan in place in the event a person on campus develops symptoms and/or a fever. We will immediately remove the child from the class and bring them to the designated Isolation Room (Conference Room in the office) and call a parent to pick them up immediately. If the child is feeling well, we can pull a table outside the office and play a game, or they may lie down in the room designated as the isolation room until their parent comes to get them.
- Non-essential people will not be allowed on campus.
- Doors and windows are open whenever possible in order to increase air flow in the classrooms.
- We provide hand sanitizer that does not contain methanol.