

Dear WPUMC Preschool Families:

We are looking forward to the start of a new, albeit challenging, school year. As we plan for a beginning like none other we've seen in the past, we focus on remaining a learning and caring community. We appreciate your support as we truly reset how to engage in teaching and learning while in the midst of a global pandemic. Bearing in mind that this pandemic creates extremely fluid situations, our plan is subject to change as the public health situation evolves. The staff and administration of Wash Park United Methodist Church and WPUMC Preschool have developed this plan with several important considerations in mind including the continued monitoring of our local public health situation and the promotion of the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff. To read more about our COVID-19 policies, click [HERE](#).

***There is a lot of information we need to share with you – thank you for reading this email and the linked documents carefully.***

### **PACKET & SUPPLIES DROP OFF – DRIVE-UP VERSION!**

Drop-off for your student's information packet and requested supplies will be **9am-2pm on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please approach the church building from the east on Arizona Avenue, and pull to the curb where you see the tents set up on the church's front lawn. A staff person will come to you to receive paperwork and supplies.

Find the **supply list** [HERE](#)

**Class lists** will be distributed by email on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> so long as you have dropped off your child's information packet. Remember to look for this email to find out which class your child is in!

### **MASKS – 3 years-old and up**

Denver Public Health asks all children 3 years-old and up to wear face masks. Masks are not recommended for children under the age of 3. Parents are asked to provide a mask for each student 3 years-old and up, and to take it home to wash thoroughly each day. Please note that if a child refuses to wear their mask during the school day we will not make them do so. Click on the following link to see the City of Denver order:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/covid19/documents/public-orders/DDPHE-Face-Covering-Order-5-5-20.pdf>

### **BEFORE & AFTER CARE – Sign-up Required.**

This year, due to COVID-19 precautions, students will participate in Before or After Care in their home classrooms to eliminate cross-contamination with other classrooms. As we will not be able to combine children into smaller classrooms, and because we need to adequately staff Before & After Care, we will not be able to offer drop-in care before and after the school day. Reservations will need to be made in advance (by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month). An online sign-up link will be sent out each month via email. Click [HERE](#) for **September BAC sign ups!** Please make your payment via Venmo (michelle-hoskins-17). Michelle is the WPUMC treasurer and all Venmo payments will be applied directly to the preschool account.

## **DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP – Kiss & Go**

To reduce the number of people in and out of the building, we are coordinating an alternate drop-off and pick-up process this year. While one adult may enter the building with one and two-year-olds, students in older classes will be strictly “kiss & go” via our new drive-up system. Please click [HERE](#) for detailed information. We ask that you review this very carefully.

## **SNACKTIME**

We will continue to provide a snack time each day for our students, however we ask that snacks be provided from home instead of food being handed out by the teacher. In addition to a lunch, please provide your child with an appropriate morning snack for the day. If your student is signed up to stay for After Care, please pack an additional afternoon snack for them as well.

## **CLOSING SCENARIOS**

As we plan for school and child care in the midst of a global pandemic, a real possibility exists that the school must shut down for COVID-19 exposure or infection. It is important to know that Denver Public Health will dictate to us how to close and for how long. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **HEALTH CONCERNS**

***If your student has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms***, contact your health care provider immediately and please let the preschool administration know right away.

***If your student is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms***, contact your health care provider immediately and please let the preschool administration know right away.

The CDC has also released information about ***MIS-C and a possible connection to Coronavirus***. Symptoms of MIS-C include: fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, feeling extra tired. If your student exhibits any of these symptoms, please contact your health care provider immediately and inform the preschool administration right away. For more information, click on the following link: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/mis-c.html>)

We understand that you may be feeling anxious and apprehensive about the coming year. You are making impossible decisions during difficult times. We stand alongside you with our utmost care and commitment to creating a meaningful and transformational experience for your child this year.

Please let us know if you have questions or need clarification regarding new policies and procedures. We are here for you. Thank you and be well,

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