



RMSC Preschool COVID-19 Reopening Plan Summary : Guidelines for Preschool

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This document is a Summary of our Reopening Guidelines and is based on up-to-date guidance from the **CDC** (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), **NYSDOH** (New York State Department of Health), **MCHD** (Monroe County Health Department), **NAEYC** (National Association for the Education of Young Children), **AAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics), **CFOC** (Caring for our Children) and the reopening policies established by **RMSC**. (7/17/2020)

Beginning September 21, 2020, RMSC Preschool will reopen for in-person instruction. This includes our 3-year old and 4-year old classrooms. There will be some necessary changes to maintain the health and safety of our students, staff and families.

RMSC Preschool is located in the Gannett School on the campus of the Rochester Museum & Science Center and shares the building with the Genesee Community Charter School (GCCS), a K - 6 elementary school. While our policies represent the RMSC Preschool's reopening plans, we have partnered with the GCCS on procedures that impact both schools. We have also consulted with area Preschool leaders to employ the best practices for our re-opening. In addition, a parent survey was conducted as well as feedback from teachers in an effort to develop a comprehensive, informed plan that incorporates all stakeholders and ensures the health and safety of our Preschool family.

Arrival at RMSC Preschool:

Upon arrival to Preschool, families will be asked to sign in their child and answer the series of screening questions related to the presence of potential COVID-19 symptoms, potential exposure to individuals suspected of having COVID-19, and regarding travel from designated states to New York State which are on the list for spikes in COVID-19. In addition, all students will have their temperatures checked with a contactless thermometer.

Visitors: In an effort to maximize the health of our children and teachers and reduce the transmission of the coronavirus, we will need to limit the number of visitors, including parents, in the building. We will work with the specialists that serve our children and determine a plan on a case-by-case basis.

If Health Screening Reveals COVID-19 Exposure or Symptoms:

Staff will not be allowed to work if screening reveals potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure. If an arriving Preschool student does not pass the screening, they will not be able to attend Preschool.

Wearing a Mask:

Per RMSC policy, all adults (staff, volunteers, visitors, etc.) on the RMSC Campus are required to wear a face covering (ex., homemade sewn mask bandana, surgical mask) that covers both the mouth and nose at all times unless there is a medical exemption. For Preschool students ages 5 and under, face coverings are optional. If they do wear a facemask, parents are encouraged to send a second mask in case the first becomes dirty.

Social Distancing:

Staff is encouraged to maintain social distance whenever feasible and to encourage students to do this whenever possible. During drop-off and pick-up, families are also encouraged to maintain social distance. This means lining up six feet apart if waiting to enter the building.

Hygiene and Hand Sanitation:

The proper washing of hands cannot be emphasized enough. Parents are encouraged to practice the proper hand washing technique with their child at home. Washing with warm water and soap for 20 seconds is the standard. When hand washing is not available, hand sanitizer is an acceptable alternative. Signage will provide reminders of good hygiene practices.

Sanitation of the School:

New protocols are in place for daily cleaning and sanitizing by teachers and Physical Facilities staff. To provide higher levels of sanitation in the classrooms, bathrooms, hallways and shared spaces, Physical Facilities staff will conduct deeper cleaning regimes throughout the day, followed by intermittent deeper cleaning and disinfecting with a handheld electrostatic spray gun. RMSC is utilizing Protexus Electrostatic Spray Guns. The spray guns evenly spread EvaClean PURTABS cleaning solution, which has been found to be a sufficient defense against coronaviruses like COVID-19. The EvaClean/Protexus cleaning system has been approved by the FDA. An SDS (Safety Data Sheet) is filed in the Facilities Coordinator's office, and can be made available upon request.

COVID-19 Diagnosis Notification:

If a staff member or student is diagnosed with COVID-19, the Head of Preschool will immediately Contact the Director of Physical Facilities who will notify the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD). MCHD will decide the protocol for closure on a case by case basis. RMSC Preschool HOP notifies the parents immediately through email, phone messaging or written notification.