

Addendum to Preschool Parent Guide

Re: COVID – 19 Responsibility, Operational Changes and Precautionary Measures:

UDA Creative Arts Preschool will remain in operation to create a sense of normalcy and provide a means for continued early childhood education for our children and families throughout the pandemic. The health and safety of our students, staff and extended UDA family members has been our highest priority in preparing to open our doors this school year. To remain in operation, the following protocols have been put in place:

PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, PARENTS MUST REVIEW THE POLICIES AND PROTOCOL BELOW

The information in this guide is subject to change based upon shifts in COVID climate, risk level and government mandates. Any modifications made to current UDA PRESCHOOL COVID POLICIES and PROTOCOL will be communicated through Email, Bloomz and Social Media Platforms.

COVID PARENT RESPONSIBILITY Do not send your child to preschool if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat/congestion
- Chills
- Muscle and joint pain
- Nausea or vomiting
- Temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit

Parents should also keep their child at home if they, or a member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If a child or their family member tests positive for COVID-19, a parent should:

1. Call and notify UDA Preschool
2. Have their child stay home and self-isolate until
 - a. Their symptoms disappear
 - b. It has been 2 weeks since they first got sick or tested positive
 - c. They have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without using medication to lower the fever).

When a student, teacher, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, UDA will:

- ✓ Protect the privacy of the individual who tests positive for COVID as much as possible.
- ✓ Reach out to the student's teacher(s) to ensure a close contact exposure did not occur during class time (close contact exposure is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness).
- ✓ Notify all those who may have had a close contact exposure.

If notified of a close contact exposure parents should:

- ✓ Have their child stay home from preschool and self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure. Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear 2-14 days after exposure; therefore, stay home and avoid other people as much as possible.
- ✓ Check their child for symptoms of COVID during the 14-day quarantine. If they start to have COVID symptoms, have their child tested for COVID-19.
- ✓ Finish the 14-day quarantine even if they do not get sick or test positive for COVID-19.
- ✓ Contact the preschool if you wish to temporarily use the virtual preschool packet option during quarantine.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

Prior to arrival, the building (including all toys, surfaces, floors, writing instruments and anything the children touch) will have been cleaned and sanitized. We first clean with soap and water then we use the following child-safe sanitizer: <https://www.forceofnatureclean.com/the-science-electrolyzed-water-d/> Teachers will sanitize objects and surfaces throughout the day as they are used. Items that are porous and/or difficult to sanitize will be replaced with non-porous items which are easy to sanitize.

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Arrival

- Students, Teachers, and Staff will have their temperature taken at arrival. Anyone with a temperature over 100.0 or exhibiting signs of illness will not enter preschool. **PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE CARPOOL IS FINISHED.** (Carpool is finished at 8:30 for 3 and 4-year-old classes and 9:00 for 2-year-old classes.)
- Students and teachers will sanitize their hands upon entering the building.
- It is recommended that children over the age of 2 wear a mask in preschool. We understand, it is difficult for young children to wear a mask, we also understand there are individuals who cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons such as asthma, or other preexisting respiratory conditions. A face shield would be a good option if a face mask is difficult for your child. We have these available for purchase.
- Children over the age of 2 are ENCOURAGED to wear a mask in the preschool when social distancing is difficult.

In Class

- In normal circumstances we welcome parents into the preschool to observe classes. However, to reduce the number of persons in the building we ask that you use the zoom viewing option rather than enter the building.
- Children will be spaced two at a table on opposite ends of the table during table time/snack time/art and lunch bunch to provide for social distancing.
- Children will be placed further apart on “spots” rather than a rug during large group time.

- We will teach and encourage children to keep germs to themselves by washing hands, keeping hands away from faces etc.

We have gone above and beyond all COVID rules and guidelines set forth by the CDC as well as Utah's local and state government in executing the highest standards to minimize COVID risk. We will do all in our power to keep your child safe.

Please note that we also prioritize the social/emotional needs of our children. There will be times when children are in "Discovery Time" that social distancing is just not possible. Additionally, if children need help with their shoes, putting on a band-aid, or even need a hug, teachers will naturally and willingly help your child with their physical and emotional needs. **We assume this criteria is well understood by parents who have made the decision to have their child return to preschool this year VS. having their child join class through our virtual preschool.**

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Continued Parent Communication Regarding Current COVID Risk Levels and Mandates As COVID climate continues to ebb and flow.