



COVID-19 REOPENING ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

In light of the unique and difficult challenges and concerns posed by the recent COVID-19 public health crisis, effective immediately, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten (GPP&K) is requiring parents to sign off acknowledging the new procedures and requirements in place when registering a student.

We understand that this is a scary time for our community and we will be making reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of our staff, children and families, including through the introduction and enforcement of these new policies. We will continue to monitor the situation and may add to, or modify, any GPP&K policies, including these, as may be necessary and appropriate.

As a condition of your child's continued enrollment at GPP&K, all parents or guardians will be required to sign the enclosed COVID-19 REOPENING ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Public Health Emergency Closures

While we certainly hope that it will not be the case, there is always the chance when it will be necessary for GPP&K to close as the result of a public health emergency, such as the COVID-19 outbreak. This may include, but will not necessary be limited to, instances when GPP&K is required to close in compliance with a federal, state or local government order or when GPP&K is required or advised to close to address a confirmed or suspected outbreak amongst staff or children.

Please be advised that, in the event that GPP&K must close for any period of time due to a public health emergency, no refunds will be issued for the first week of closures. Beyond that, a decision about refunds will be made by the GPP&K School Board specific to the situation. Any fees not refunded may be donated tax exempt to our nonprofit 501(c)(3) School.

COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have identified the following as common symptoms of COVID-19 (check CDC.gov for the latest information):

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Families must promptly notify GPP&K Administration in the event that any member of a child's household(s) (1) has tested positive for COVID-19, (2) is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or (3) is known to have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. In such event, under no circumstances should the child or any other member of the household enter GPP&K until the recommended period of self-isolation has been completed or it has been otherwise confirmed that no members of the household are infected with COVID-19. GPP&K Administration will work directly with any affected or potentially affected families to provide direction and guidance when the child may return to school. Such requirements may change based on the most recent guidance from the CDC and other authorities.

In addition, children may not attend GPP&K if they or any member of the household are experiencing fever or symptoms of any contagious illness. Children may return when they (or the member of their household) are fever and symptom free for 72 hours. In certain cases, a child may be able to return sooner than 72 hours if they can provide satisfactory medical evidence that they have no risk of being contagious.

Child or Family Member Travel

Until further notice, families must promptly notify GPP&K Administration in the event that a child or any member of the child's household(s) have recently or will be traveling out of the United States or to any location restricted by the State of Maryland per Governor Hogan's most updated guidelines.

- As of 12/17/2020, the governor issued an emergency order requiring Marylanders to limit all travel to essential purposes only. All Marylanders who do travel outside of Maryland or any individuals who travel to Maryland must either obtain a negative COVID-19 test result or self-quarantine for 10 days.
- Any family not abiding by these requirements will promptly be dismissed from the program without refund.
- Arrivals from the District of Columbia, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia are exempt.

Daily GPP&K Spring Session School Procedures-

We're a team! Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

- All staff, students and parents must wear a face covering when on Church/School property. This includes drop-off and pick-up and anyone granted permission to drop-off/pick-up your child. Please observe six feet of social distancing at all times.
- Parents will complete a daily COVID-19 Check-in List to confirm that their child is clear of symptoms and not exposed to others with COVID-19.
- Staff and Students will have their temperature taken before entering the building. Parents are encouraged to use their own thermometer, but a staff member with a non-contact Infrared Thermometer will be available to take the temperature.
- Parents will not enter the building. Children will be dropped off/picked up in front of the school doors or inside the foyer in inclement weather.
- The playground will not be open before/after program hours for cleaning purposes.
- Children should bring a tote bag with their disposable lunch bag inside each day. All contents of lunch should either be eaten or thrown away. Children should bring a reusable water bottle/flip-lid bottle each day.
- Parents must supply an extra set of clothes and 2 extra face coverings to be kept in a plastic bag in their child's tote bag.
- Students must come dressed for the weather. We will plan to spend time outdoors each day. We don't mind getting a little muddy! Proper shoes and outerwear should be worn. On sunny days, please apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school.
- A Healthy Snack will be provided/offered each day. If your child has any type of food allergy, you must supply their **healthy** snack. This can be given to the School Office.



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We acknowledge that we received a copy of the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten's COVID-19 REOPENING ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS and that we understand and agree to abide by these policies, specifically including GPP&K's policy on refunds in the event of closures for public health emergencies. In consideration for our family's continued enrollment in GPP&K programs and receipt of services from GPP&K we further agree as follows:

- We acknowledge that, if we choose to have our child enter GPP&K property and/or participate in GPP&K programs, we do so voluntarily and at our own risk and that we hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue GPP&K, its officers, agents or employees (Releasees) from and for any and all liability claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind or nature, including, but not limited to, claims of negligence, arising out of, or related to any loss or personal injury, including death, that our child or any member of our family may sustain from contracting, or being exposed to COVID-19, as the result of, or in any way related to, our child or any member of our family entering GPP&K property or participating in GPP&K programs.

- This release and waiver of liability shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland. We agree that if any portion of this release and waiver of liability is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

-We acknowledge that this release and waiver of liability will be binding on our family members, spouse/guardian, heirs, assigns, personal representatives and anyone else entitled to act on our, or our child's behalf to the extent and that my signature below shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge and covenant not to sue the Releasees to the extent set forth above.

- By signing below we acknowledge that we have read and fully understand the release and waiver of liability as set forth above and have signed voluntarily and under our own free will.

Printed Name

Parent / Guardian #1

Date

Parent / Guardian #2

Date

Signatures:

Parent / Guardian #1

Date

Parent / Guardian #2

Date

*Please note that both parents/guardians must sign this form except in the case of single parent families. A completed form must be returned to the office prior to your child's start of program.