



California is issuing daily updates on COVID-19. See the most recent update on the [CDPH News Release page](#).

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Out of an abundance of caution, Little Learners Preschool is implementing an action plan to address evolving circumstances involving the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). We believe this action plan aligns with our commitment to ensure the health and safety of our staff, children and their families. Little Learners will communicate any updates to this plan as well as concerns about the spread of the virus to staff and children on an ongoing basis.

Preventative Actions

Our team is actively cleaning and sanitizing high touch places such as doorknobs, tables, faucets, and children's toys frequently throughout the day. Handwashing instructions are being posted in all bathrooms. Will be encouraging students and staff to wash their hands upon arrival, before eating snacks, before and after activities, before leaving for the day and after sneezing or coughing in them. Children who have sensory challenges with handwashing will have modified handwashing routines which are individualized to them. If you have concerns about specific products used for handwashing, please reach out to Ms Debbie or Ms Cindy.

Children's learning areas will be continuously sanitized. In addition, their tables and learning materials will be wiped down before, during and after each day with antibacterial wipes. If your child has an allergy or sensitivity to antibacterial gel or cleaning products, please let your child's Teacher know ASAP. For our little learners who like to mouth items, bins will be placed around the center for any item that has come in contact with their mouth, to ensure that it is sanitized before another child is able to access it.

To ensure they are clean and disinfected, all kitchen and eating utensils will be washed in the hottest possible water, in either the dishwasher or by handwashing, whichever is first available.

***AT THIS TIME WE ARE REQUESTING THAT STUDENTS DO NOT BRING "EXTRA" ITEMS FROM HOME TO SCHOOL.** This includes share toys, hats, reusable drinking bottles (except ones contained inside lunch boxes) or personal items. Share Day is being postponed until further notice. Any unnecessary items from home will be confiscated in the office. (Please don't make us do that... leave items in the car!)

The Healthy Schools Act requires all licensed Child Care Facilities to notify parents and guardians of any pesticides they expect to apply during the school year. The law does not require us to report antimicrobial pesticides, however, we are going to include them now for the sake of transparency and for the safety of the children in our care. This form is always available on our school website, however we will be printing a copy for each family and placing it in the students portfolios. Due to the level of cleaning we now require, we have ordered a few new products including Medical Grade

Oxiver disinfectant which is demonstrated effective against viruses similar to Coronavirus on hard, non-porous surfaces and can be used against 2019-nCoV when used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

As fundamental as this information is, it bears repeating that to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, staff and children should remember to:

- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- See your doctor if you have a fever, cough, body aches and fatigue
- Stay home and limit contact with others if you are sick
- Remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
 - Teachers will be using a forehead thermometer to check students daily.
- Use "respiratory etiquette" Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve

Notification of Travel

We are asking that families and team members notify our main office if you have plans to travel to overseas. In addition, children or staff who have family members who reside with them who have traveled to or had stopovers in countries that are considered Level 3 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or higher, should self-quarantine for 14 days.

Information for travelers can be found on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Closings

Little Learners will remain vigilant in staying up to date with all local and national recommendations regarding business closures. Our Preschool intends to stay open, even if large public schools close, unless local officials advise otherwise. In the event that a child or staff member contracts COVID-19, all parents and staff members will be contacted immediately, and the center will close for a *minimum* of 2 days to ensure that the space can be professionally cleaned and disinfected. Any child or staff member who reports a diagnosis of COVID-19 will be suspended for a minimum of 14 days or until notice that there is no risk of contracting the virus is provided by a medical official.

We understand this is a stressful time for our families and want to ensure you that your child's health is our first priority. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or additional concerns.

Sincerely,

Little Learners Preschool Staff

