**Small World Preschool Infectious Disease and Covid-19 School Policies**

**School & Community Commitment Agreement-\*\*Updated Dec. 2024\*\***

**Small World Preschool’s In-School Safety Measures:**

It is our goal to minimize outside exposure and continue to practice all precautionary measures so that the quality of the learning experience for your child remains intact. It is currently our practice to:

* Perform temperature checks upon entry to the school\* (\*currently suspended until further notice)
* Children and staff shall practice proper handwashing throughout the day.
* Wear a face mask that covers both the nose and mouth when exhibiting any symptoms of an infectious illness or Covid-19.
* Frequently clean and disinfect throughout the school day, especially on high touch contact surfaces. Gloves are to be used when appropriate. Deep clean and disinfect the school facility, student supplies, and environment at the end of the school day.
* School visits and observations have now resumed and are permitted by appointment only. Tours are kept to a minimal period. Non-essential visitors are permitted entry on an “as needed" basis. Visitor(s) may be screened at entry.

**Family’s At-Home Safety Measures:**

All members of the household shall commit to all precautionary measures to ensure a healthy home environment. We agree to:

* Stay at home if sick.
* Monitor for any symptoms; isolate if any chance of exposure occurs. If a child shows any symptoms or is not feeling well, they shall be kept at home and must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they can return to school. A doctor’s note is also required to return.
* Keep the home environment clean and sanitized. Model hand-washing habits by promoting awareness and helping your child identify when hand washing is necessary.
* Immediately inform the preschool of any confirmed diagnosis of any infectious situation and/or Covid-19. This includes immediate family or exposure to someone outside the home that has been diagnosed.

**Regarding Illness/Any Infectious Disease or Covid-19 in School and Child gets sent home:**

* The preschool may perform a rapid Covid test at the onset of any symptoms if an **infectious** situation is suspected. Regardless of the result, the child will be sent home and should be monitored for 24 hours. If a fever is present, he/she must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of any fever reducer and no longer exhibits any symptoms (no matter how minor). Again, a doctor’s note is required after being seen by the child’s physician. **ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT A CLEARANCE NOTE!**
* In the event that a child or staff member test positive for Covid-19 OR have Covid-19 symptoms should **Isolate** at home for 5(five) regardless of vaccination status.
* Children or staff can return on the sixth day of they do not have fever in a 24-hour period **without** using fever reducing medication, other symptoms have improved, and are able to wear a well-fitting mask from day 6-day ten **after** symptom onset or test positive date. The preschool shall have authority on the determination of day zero.
* If you are fully vaccinated and develop symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate & get tested as you may be experiencing a “breakthrough” case. Continue to take precautions until day five.
* **Quarantine** guidance has been removed. However, we are asking that parents/staff use extra caution and good judgement if in the same household.

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**Regarding Travel (both Domestically and Internationally (pertains to travel to areas with high case counts only)**

* The Preschool requires that our Covid-19 questionnaire be filled out as documentation in order for the child or staff member to return to school. This document may also need to be completed upon the preschool’s request after periods of intermittent school breaks/vacations.
* The parent/guardian should self-monitor for any symptoms as an added precautionary measure.

**There are no exceptions to any stated policy within, however being that the preschool is a private entity, we reserve the right to revise/rescind/enact and invoke policies pertaining to any infectious disease (Influenza, Gastrointestinal illness, Covid-19 and its variants, and any highly contagious situation) at any given time with/without notice.**

**It is my/our understanding that policies can change at any given time throughout the academic school year. We consider the CDC and State of Hawaii Department of Health guidelines, along with our Dept. of Human Services Licensing rules when we enact those of our own policies and appreciate your continued understanding and adherence.**

**My/Our signatures indicate that I/We have read, fully understand, and are committed to agreeing to all of the stated policies and guidelines as set forth in this document.**

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**Signature of Mother/Guardian Date**

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**Signature of Father/Guardian Date**

**Acknowledged by: B. Ozaki Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**On behalf of Small World Preschool**

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