

## Brandon Methodist Kindergarten Healthy Kids Policy

With an outbreak of flu and viruses that happens throughout the school year, we want to make sure everyone is familiar with our Healthy Kids policy.

### **We expect all parents to keep sick children at home if he/she:**

- a. has fever of 100.4 degrees or higher (**Child can come back to school when he/she is fever free for 48 hours without medication**)
- b. has had diarrhea or vomited in the last 24 hours
- c. has an undetermined or contagious rash
- d. has a runny nose, coughing, or sneezing unless you know it is non-contagious (allergies, sinus)
- e. wakes up the morning of preschool with any symptoms of illness (children are most contagious in the early stages of an illness)
- f. has lost sense of smell or taste
- g. has been exposed to covid (see Covid Response below)

If your child becomes sick at school, you will be notified to come and get him/her immediately. **Be sure all emergency numbers are correct and current!** Notify us of any changes.

**Please keep a child who has been ill at home until he/she is fully able to return to our normal routine.** This includes going out for play.

We use the guidelines set forth by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Throughout the school year, we will continually evaluate the status of coronavirus (Covid-19) in our community. We will continue to keep our children, families, and staff safe. Updates to our Covid-19 Response may be at the discretion of the BMK Director in consultation with the Chair of the BMK Board, with the consideration of current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health authorities.

### Ways we can stay healthy:

- Contactless sign in/sign out
- Our children and staff will wash hands often and thoroughly
- The building will be thoroughly cleaned each day
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in the hallway
- Hand Sanitizer will be available in each classroom
- Centralized communication centers using Facebook, email, class GroupMe (minimized notes home)
- Contactless payments as much as possible (tuition bank draft, Venmo payment for playday, school pics, etc.)

If a child or staff member tests positive and exposure has taken place while at school, we would immediately report to the health department and let all affected Brandon Methodist Kindergarten (BMK) families know of illness (We will ensure privacy of the individual).

### Covid-19 Response Quarantine Guidelines

If <b>Exposed</b> to Covid (15 minutes of cumulative contact over a 24-hour period at less than 6 feet)	
Teachers who are not vaccinated or if pfizer/moderna was done over 6 months and not boosted or has J & J over 2 months and not boosted	Must quarantine for 5 days. May return to school on the 6th day wearing a mask at all times for 5 days. Recommended to get tested 5 days after exposure.
Teachers who have been vaccinated and received a booster or been vaccinated with Pfizer/Moderna within the last six months or with J & J within the last two months	Must wear a mask at all times for 10 days
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quarantine for 5 days, on the 6th day of exposure and if the student is asymptomatic the student may return to school after 5 days if no symptoms, but must wear a mask at all times during the school day.</li> <li>● 10 day quarantine</li> </ul>
If Suspected or Confirmed Positive Covid Case	
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quarantine for 5 days; may return to work after 5 days if no symptoms, but must wear a mask at all times during the school day, or</li> <li>● If symptoms continue after 5 days, quarantine for additional 5 days</li> </ul>
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If positive, quarantine for 10 days;</li> <li>● Isolation 10 days onset of symptoms and 24-hour fever free;</li> <li>● If positive but asymptomatic-excluded from school for 10 days from date of test; or</li> <li>● Safe to return to school with note from doctor</li> </ul>

If a child is quarantined with family, full tuition will still be required each month. If BMK must close at any point due to government or community requirements, instruction will continue via worksheets and/or videos. If school interruption continues long term, the BMK Board will review options and decide on tuition alternatives. Brandon Methodist Kindergarten families will be notified of the Board decision by the Director.

Procedures for parents, children, and staff are as follows:

- Children will not be required to wear a mask during the school day.
- It is discouraged for any parent to come into the building. Any parent that comes into the building will go directly to the office and MUST wear a mask. Parents are NOT allowed to take their children to the classroom.
- If any immediate family member has to get tested for Covid-19, the health department recommends their children need to quarantine at home until that test result comes back negative.