



Planned COVID-19 Safety Precautions and Procedures

Below is a list of safety precautions and procedures Aspen Hill Cooperative Nursery School (AHCNS) plans to have in place for our September 2021 opening. This list is subject to change based on Maryland Office of Childcare requirements and guidance, the needs of our families and our school community, as well as parent input.

- Drop off and pick-up times will be staggered to not have too many children entering/exiting the building at once.
- Each child and co-oping adult will be screened before entering the building with a temperature check and a COVID-19 symptom check.
- All adults (teachers, co-ops, and parents/guardians doing drop off and pick-up) are required to wear a mask. Students are required to wear a mask during screening and entering and exiting the building for the school day. Students may remove the mask once safely inside the classroom and masks will be stored in a paper bag in the student's cubby.
- Only teachers, co-oping adults, and students will be allowed to enter the building. Students will be escorted to the classroom by a co-oping adult or the teacher.
- Bathrooms will be designated for specific class use.
- Depending on class size, each class could have one co-oper for the school day. Co-ops may be assigned to the class multiple days in a row to limit the group's exposure to different adults.
- Each child will have his/her own cubby and no cubbies will be shared.
- Each student will be given a box with supplies for personal use (scissors, crayons, markers, pencils, glue, playdough, etc.), which will be kept in the student's cubby.
- Toys and materials will be rotated through the classroom on a weekly basis to reduce the number of shared materials. Toys and materials not in use will be stored out of the classroom and students will not have access to those toys and materials.
- Toys and materials used in the classroom will be sanitized daily.
- High touch areas (doorknobs, light switches, chairs, tables, etc.) will be cleaned during the morning and again at the end of the day.
- Rugs, stuffed animals, and dress up items may be removed from the classrooms.
- Students will have assigned seats for circle time and snack time and social distancing will be used as much as possible.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized after use.
- Multiple opportunities to wash and sanitize hands will be offered and incorporated into the school day.
- The hallway water fountain will remain unplugged and bottled water will be available to students during the morning. However, we ask that parents send a filled water bottle with their child each day. The bottle will be placed in the child's cubby and taken out for snack time, then sent home at the end of the day.
- More families will be assigned to housekeeping jobs allow us to complete thorough daily and weekly cleanings.