



DOWNEY COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Re-Opening Plans 2020-2021

Downey's Goals Relative to COVID-19:

- Reduce risk of transmission by limiting people in the building.
- Reduce risk of transmission through enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Reduce risk of transmission through alternate classroom settings (e.g. Forest Days).
- Reduce risk of transmission through additional toy/manipulative rotations relative to high-touch items.
- Create & implement a health protocol to deal with possible cases of COVID-19 infection and/or transmission.
- Allow students to continue in-school for as long as possible with regard to local, state & national guidelines.
- If school has to be in an altered format, meet the needs of our students while still staying true to our goals and the cooperative model at Downey.



Plan A: Full Enrollment

All prior Downey policies and procedures will still be in effect, but with a mindful eye to the unusual circumstances surrounding COVID-19, beginning this Fall Downey will be implementing the following new protocols.

Specifics of this plan include:

- Staggered start & alternate entrances:
 - Polliwogs & Frogs will begin their days at 9 am and will enter through the outdoor gates located on the playground. Teachers & participating parents will meet the children at the gate and facilitate drop-off.
 - Tadpoles will still enter through their main classroom door, due to possible age-related separation issues.
 - Leapfrogs Kindergarten will assume a different start time at 9:30 and end their day at 2:30. They will also drop-off at the playground gate, greeted by their teacher and participating parents.

- Participating parents will be responsible for all end of class cleaning procedures. A thorough checklist to facilitate adequate cleaning protocols will be posted in all classrooms. Cleaning products will meet the EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

- Use of additional hand washing time following CDC guidelines.
 - Teachers, participating parents and students will utilize hand washing immediately upon arrival indoors with soap and water or hand sanitizer if water is not available (e.g. arrival on the playground).
 - Additional emphasis will be given to thorough washing and songs may be utilized to teach children the proper length of time to wash, as well.

- All adults entering the building and participating in the classroom will be required to wear an appropriate facial covering (cloth mask, face shield, etc.). Approved facial coverings will be dependent on requirements from the Marion County Public Health Department. Students will not be required to wear a facial covering. If a family prefers their child wear a facial covering, teachers will make an effort to encourage wearing the covering.



- Individual snacks & water bottles will be required each day.
 - Snack protocols may vary per classroom or teacher recommendation (e.g. students bring their own snack from home or a “snack parent” provides individually-packaged snacks for the entire class on their participation day).
 - Snacks will still need to fall within school or class guidelines for allergies, etc.
 - A supply of acceptable snacks, paper cups, and bottled water will be kept in the classrooms in the event a student forgets to bring their snack and/or water bottle.
- When able, teachers will consider using individually labeled sets for items such as crayons, play dough, scissors, etc. OR use an approved disinfecting cleaner daily to sanitize these items.
- When possible, teachers will consider rotating and/or limiting high-touch items daily in order to facilitate more thorough cleaning. (e.g Legos, blocks, manipulatives, dolls, etc.)
- Teachers and participating parents will closely monitor for any items that have been mouthed, coughed on, sneezed on, etc. and will place these in a designated place to be sanitized during end of class cleaning.
- If held, field trips will be outdoors ONLY. (Museums, library trips, etc. will be discontinued for this school year.)

Plan B: Hybrid Classes

This format may be utilized to follow Downey Avenue Christian Church, federal, state and/or local school (IPS) closing protocols due to an outbreak or case numbers rising, in response to a positive COVID-19 case inside the building (school, church, etc.) or updated mandates that would require students to wear facial coverings.



Specifics of this plan include:

- At least 1 in-person class day per week.
 - These classes will be held outdoors and likely off-site (similar to Forest Kindergarten). Teachers will choose location(s) and activities appropriate for each specific class/age group. An extra participating parent may be requested for these class sessions.

- Teachers will utilize online meeting or video platforms to make up the remainder of their classroom times. Teachers will create lessons/themes, story times, class chats, play scenarios, etc. to guide these online times. A formal calendar will be established by the teacher for each class so that expectations are clear for parents and students alike.

- All previously mentioned class procedures will still apply for in-person sessions. (hand washing, snacks, etc.).

Plan C: All Virtual Classes

This format may be utilized to follow Downey Avenue Christian Church, federal, state and/or local school (IPS) closing protocols due to an outbreak or case numbers rising, in response to a positive COVID-19 case inside the building (school, church, etc.) or updated mandates that would result in “Plan B: Hybrid Classes” not being a viable option. Classes will assume a virtual model as long as required.

Specifics of this plan include:

- Teachers will utilize online meeting or video platforms to account for their classroom times.
 - Teachers will create lessons/themes, story times, class chats, play scenarios, etc. to guide these online times. A formal calendar will be established by the teacher for each class so that expectations are clear for parents and students alike.

- An alternate tuition plan may apply and will be decided by membership vote.



Additional Considerations

- **All positive or suspected positive cases need to be reported to presidnet@downeycoop.com and will be reported to the Marion County Public Health Departments which will provide guidance for closure, cleaning and parental notification.**
- If a student, teacher or classroom participant has **tested positive for COVID-19 and is symptomatic**, they must be excluded from all school activities. The person may return to school activities if at least 72 hours have passed since recovery (defined as a resolution of fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms) **AND** 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If a student, teacher or classroom participant has **tested positive for COVID-19 and is asymptomatic**, they must be excluded from all school activities. The person may return to school activities after 10 days have passed assuming no symptoms have developed.
- If a student, teacher or classroom participant is **symptomatic, but has not been tested for COVID-19**, they must be excluded from all school activities. The person may return to school activities if at least 72 hours have passed since recovery (defined as a resolution of fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms) **AND** 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- **Above plans as well as policies and procedures may change as needed depending on local, state or federal mandates or suggested best practices and as always, members are encouraged to participate in all meetings and planning sessions regarding these matters.**