

We are so excited – and cannot wait – to see you again on September 15/17. We are working hard to minimize the risk of spreading COVID, while ensuring that every child feels loved, encounters God, and has a blast while at MDO.

Because we put high priority on the health and safety of your children as well as our workers, please read the following closely.

### **WELLNESS**

If you, your child, or anyone in your house is experiencing any symptoms of sickness (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) in the last 24 hours, we ask that you please remain home.

If you have been in significant contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, we ask that you not bring your child to MDO until 14 days after that encounter.

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING & MASKS**

To keep your child(ren) and classrooms healthy, all teachers will be wearing masks and/or face shields during MDO.

Your preschooler is *welcome* to wear a mask, but it is not required!

While we will do our best, it is not possible to physical distance all children. We are; however, limiting class size so we can limit exposure. Classes will stay together as a group as best as possible.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT ON MDO MORNINGS & AFTERNOONS**

1. First of all, you can expect to be greeted with “smiling eyes” and a warm “air” high-five. We have missed you and your children.
2. Please use hand sanitizer upon arrival. Automatic dispensers are at each entrance.
3. Parents must wear a mask at drop off and pick up.
4. At the secure doors, your child’s temperature will be taken. If your child’s temp registers 99.9 or greater, we will ask you to return home.
5. You will be asked COVID-related questions before being allowed down the hall.
6. Hallways are labeled “A” and “B.” Please enter/exit ONLY on your child’s hall.
7. Only ONE PARENT will be allowed down the halls to drop off children. This is to help us practice physical distancing.
8. Be mindful of the exit doors at the far end of each hall. Feel free to exit out of those to help with physical distancing.
9. Only a few parents will be allowed down the halls at a time.
10. Please do NOT visit with other parents or teachers in the hallways. You can visit with parents at your cars. You can call the MDO office to schedule a meeting with the teacher, if needed.
11. Once in the classroom, your child’s hands will be washed/sanitized.
12. Your child’s hands will be washed/sanitized frequently throughout the day.
13. If you bring in strollers, car seats, etc., those will need to return to your car with you. We are unable to keep those at the church/in the hallways anymore.
14. The indoor playground will be CLOSED before and after MDO.

## **WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES PRIOR TO BRINGING CHILDREN:**

1. Be proactive and check your child's temperature before coming to MDO.
2. Only allow your children to come to their classrooms if they are completely well (i.e., they have no cough, runny nose, cold, or fever, etc. – EVEN IF you think it is “just allergies”).
3. As for runny noses... if your child has a “thin, clear, watery” nose, he/she will be allowed to stay. If the runny nose is “thick” or “colored,” he/she will need to return home.
4. Stay at home if you or your children have been exposed to COVID in the last two weeks, even if none of you exhibit symptoms.
5. If anyone in your family is not feeling well, please keep everyone home.
6. **PLEASE** take time to completely clean your diaper bag out and wash it. Only put in the bag what will be needed during your child’s time at MDO.
7. Label everything with your child’s name.

## **TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, WE ARE MAKING THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:**

1. The children's rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before and after MDO.
2. The number of toys, books, and other manipulatives in each room will be limited. As is our normal policy, no personal toys, etc., from home will be allowed.
3. Please understand that it will not be possible for workers to keep babies or toddlers six feet apart from each other, but every effort will be made to maintain as much distance from one another as possible.
4. Toys that have become dirty will be placed in a separate bin to be sanitized before returning to the classroom.

## **MITIGATING RISKS**

1. Because we cannot keep them disinfected between use, all water fountains are closed, including the ones in the classrooms.
2. Hands will be washed FREQUENTLY throughout the day.
3. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer, baby wipes, and disinfectant spray.

## **NOTIFICATION**

For everyone’s safety, if you or your child tests positive for COVID within 14 days of attending MDO, please let us know as soon as possible. You can email [lhelm@firstwoodway.org](mailto:lhelm@firstwoodway.org) or [mgrace@firstwoodway.org](mailto:mgrace@firstwoodway.org).

If we learn that a child or teacher has tested positive for COVID within 14 days of attending MDO, we will alert the families of the children that child or teacher was in close contact with. We will not give out the name of the child or adult that tested positive. If you have been exposed, we ask that you not return to MDO for 14 days.

## **FINALLY**

Thank you for entrusting your preschool children to MDO @ First Woodway. We take seriously the responsibility of caring for your children and teaching them about Jesus and how much He loves them.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may address them to anyone listed below.

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