

NWOESC Preschool Supplemental Guidance

NWOESC preschool classrooms are located in and integrated into school districts in Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties. Each NWOESC Preschool will follow the restart/reopening plans developed by each individual district. The district restart/reopening plans are comprehensive and cover a variety of staff and student expectations. These plans were developed collaboratively by school district administration and local health department officials. This document is a **supplement** to each district plan to address additional preschool licensing rules. Please note, all plans are fluid and subject to change as updated or additional guidance becomes available.

This Supplement was developed using the Transitional Pandemic Requirements for licensed Child Care Centers and the Ohio Department of Education Reset and Restart Planning Guide for Ohio Schools.

NWOESC Classroom Protocols

1. Handwashing: Transitional Rule:

- Follow all handwashing procedures pursuant to rule 5101:2-12-13 (Attachment A), with the following additions:
 - All employees shall wash their hands upon entering a classroom and prior to leaving for the day.
 - All children shall wash their hands prior to leaving for the day.
- Rule Reminders: Hand sanitizer should be kept out of the reach of children. • Only children 24 months and older may use hand sanitizer
- Practices:
 - Employees and children should frequently wash their hands.
 - Teach children and employees appropriate handwashing practices.
 - Require anyone entering the program to wash and/or sanitize their hands.
 - Wash hands carefully with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Wash hands after coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue.
 - Wash hands after water activities.
 - Provide a hand washing/sanitizing station at the program's entrance.

2. Health Screening/Assessment: Transitional Rule:

- Take the temperatures of all employees and children prior to or as soon as they arrive each day.
- Rule Reminder: Centers may not use mercury thermometers.
- Practice:

- Touchless thermometers will be used by staff
- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees who conduct screenings.
- Incorporate social distancing while screening or use physical barriers to minimize exposure.
- If necessary, modify drop off and pick up to ensure social distancing.

3. Exclusion: Transitional Rule:

- Immediately send home any child or employee who has a temperature of 100° F or higher.
- Individuals sent home shall not return until they have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.
 - If the individual who had the fever has had known contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19, they must complete isolation or quarantine procedures for COVID-19 in coordination with the local health department prior to returning to the program.
- The above requirements also apply to anyone whose temperature is taken after arrival.
- If staff or a child tests positive for COVID-19, they must complete isolation or quarantine procedures for COVID-19 in coordination with the district and local health department prior to returning to the center.

Rule Reminder: If a child meets exclusion criteria after arrival at your program, they must be properly supervised (within sight and hearing) until they are taken home.

Practices:

- When a child meets the COVID-19 exclusion criteria:
 - Isolate the child in a separate room or space until they are taken home.
 - Put a mask on the child, if possible.
 - Staff supervising the child should wear a mask and protective clothing and should wash hands often.

Notification: Transitional Rule:

- If an employee or child enrolled in the center tests positive for COVID-19, the program shall:
 - Notify ODJFS by the next business day in OCLQS as a serious incident, and
 - Notify their local health department by the next business day.

Practices:

- Work with the local health department to determine next steps to protect the children and staff in the program. This will include notifying families and deep sanitation of the space.

Additional Information:

Cleaning Between Sessions: Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized between each session.

Potential Closures: Parents will be notified as soon as possible of potential classroom closures due to the virus implemented by the district in conjunction with the local health department.

Restrooms: Small groups will use the restrooms without other students in the bathroom and the surfaces will be cleaned after each group leaves the restroom.

Gross Motor: Each location has a designated area for gross motor activity. All gross motor materials will be wiped down after use, and students will wash their hands after participating in gross motor activities.

Eating at School: Students will wash their hands prior to eating at school. Students will be spaced within small groups for eating. Staff will wear gloves when assisting students open any food items. Students will be monitored, as always, to ensure no sharing of food, drink, or utensils occurs.

Resting at School: Rest for full day students will occur in small groups, all cots will be wiped down after rest, and students' bedding will be bagged to store for the week.

Illness at School:

If a child has suspected symptoms outlined in the reopening plan as symptoms that require isolation, the child will be moved to the designated isolation room in each building. Parents will be contacted, the child will remain in the isolation room until the parent/guardian arrives, and county health department guidelines will be followed regarding returning to school.

Please contact Beth Lewis, NWOESC Preschool Coordinator, at 567-444-4800 ext. 4676 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a productive and successful year in NWOESC preschools! It is a privilege to work with you and your child, and we are excited about the 2020-21 school year!

Handwashing

Handwashing shall occur in a sink that is not used for meal preparation or clean-up and is away from the food serving area.

Licensed child care staff members and employees shall wash hands, defined as using soap and water or using hand sanitizer, at the following times:

- Upon arrival for the day, after breaks and upon returning from outside.
- After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
- After each diaper change or pull-up change.
- After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
- After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
- After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
- Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
- Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
- When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).

Children shall wash hands, defined as using soap and water or using hand sanitizer (if 24 months or older), at the following times:

- Upon arrival for the day.
- After toileting/diaper change.
- After contact with bodily fluids.
- After returning inside after outdoor play.
- After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet before moving on to another activity.
- Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
- After water activities.
- When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).

Children who are unable to stand by themselves may be given wet paper towels and soap to wash and rinse their hands.