



# Kremmling Preschool

## 2021/2022 - COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) has released updated guidance surrounding in-person learning in schools. The current guidance can be found at this link on CDPHE's website <https://covid19.colorado.gov/practical-guide-for-operationalizing-cdc-school-guidance>. The overarching message from CDPHE & Grand County Public Health is for schools to use a layered mitigation strategies approach to prevention, acknowledging that a students' wellness extends well beyond just disease control.

The following outlines the details of our COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, ensuring continuity of services. These guidelines are subject to change based on community COVID-19 numbers and/or guidance or mandates from local and state health departments.

### Layered Mitigation Strategies

- Ventilation - We will keep windows and doors open (when it's not a safety hazard or weather permitting) to allow the free flow of air. The circulation of outdoor air within the preschool classrooms/offices, via mechanical systems, will continue to be increased.
- Outdoor activities - We will continue using the outdoors as an extension of the classroom.
- Masks/Face Coverings - Masks are recommended for all students and staff, though mask use is not mandatory. This is your family's choice and staff will ensure a climate of respect in regard to family/staff mask choices.
  - Masks will not be used during naptime or mealtime.
- Testing - We will continue to provide information for families on where to obtain testing for COVID-19.
- Physical Distancing - Students and staff will be encouraged to physically distance, when possible, but physical distancing will not be a requirement.
- Cohorting/Quarantine - The two classrooms will continue to cohort except for afternoon recess. We will follow Grand County Public Health's guidance on quarantining.



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- Hand Hygiene - Good hygiene practices will continue to be encourage, such as reminding children to wash hands after using restroom, before/after meals, etc. and continue to provide access to hand sanitizer stations.
- Cleaning/Disinfecting - Measures will continue to be implemented by staff such as touchpoints (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, etc.), surfaces in common areas will be cleaned and sanitized after each use, classroom toys will be washed/disinfected/sanitized daily.

## Before Coming to School

- Symptom Screening - All students and staff are requested to self-screen before leaving home for school or work. Morning symptom screenings will no longer take place at school nor will you be required to enter this information into ParentSquare.
- Prior to COVID, we often had a culture of "toughing out" an illness by coming to work or school while symptomatic with sickness. We now better understand that it is much safer (and much more efficient for school and work) to stay home until illness subsides. We will continue to enforce this, being very strict about sick children/staff. See illness policy below.

## If Your Child Becomes Sick at School

- If your child begins to show symptoms of illness while at school, families will be notified and will need to pick up their child **within 30 minutes**.
- Children with symptoms of illness will be separated from other children.
- If someone becomes ill, cleaning measures will be taken to ensure all areas that the individual was in contact with are disinfected.
- NOTE - If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member, Grand County Public Health will be in contact.
  - All children and staff in that cohort will be sent home.
  - The classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.



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## Before A Child Who Was Sick Can Return to School

- Children will need to stay home if **any** of the following symptoms/conditions exist. The child will need to remain at home for 24 hours after any exposure of common illness and/or be symptom-free without medication for 24 hours.
  - If he/she has or has had a fever during the previous 24 hours, even low-grade. Child must be fever free without medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cold medicines, or similar) for 24 hours.
  - If he/she has been taking an antibiotic for less than 48 hours.
  - If he/she has a heavy nasal discharge, or a green or yellow discharge
  - If he/she has a persistent cough that he/she is not able to cover with his/her elbow or is coughing enough to keep him/her from being actively involved in the days' activities.
  - If he/she has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, undiagnosed rash, and/or abdominal discomfort).
  - If he/she is/had been vomiting or has/had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
  - If he/she is lethargic (not up to normal energy level) without the use of medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cold medicines or similar) and keeps him/her from being actively involved in the day's activities.
- Children whose illnesses require prescribed medication must be on the medication for a full 48 hours **and** be symptom-free for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

## Visitors in Kremmling Preschool Permitted

- In the 2021-2022 school year, visitors will be permitted in preschool as they were pre-COVID-19. Masks/face coverings will not be required for visitors; however, you may wear one if you are more comfortable doing so.

**Please be understanding that these policies are put in place for the health and safety for all children, teachers, and families. We are working to balance the needs of our students in order to achieve wellness and create a productive learning environment. While we are doing our absolute best, we cannot guarantee an illness will not happen.**