



Creative Kids Preschool Guidelines

The Prospect Heights Park District is excited to have your child join us for the school year!

Under the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Commerce, we will be following these strict protocols to ensure the safety and welfare of every patron that enters our facility. We realize this is a temporary action that needs to be taken.

Creative Kids Preschool will have a new look but the safety of our staff and participants is of the utmost importance. These are the new program protocols that follow the Restore Illinois restrictions and social distancing requirements.

Registration

The Gary Morava Recreation Center is currently closed to the public until Monday August 17. To register for Creative Kids Preschool, please call the front desk to make an appointment 847-394-2848.

Facial Coverings

- Staff and participants should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times except when eating or outside and able to maintain a safe social distance (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering).

Creative Kids Preschool Ratios

- 2 Staff for 15 students per class time

Preschool Activities

- Activities will be programmed to allow for 6ft of social distancing between participants.
- There will be no sharing of toys. All program toys have been removed from the room and participants may have individual use of toys. Toys will be then be sanitized.
- No toys will be allowed to be brought into the program from home.
- No contact activities will be permitted.
- There will be no sharing of books. Teachers will read books to participants in Preschool.
- One assigned group of 15 children will be allowed at the playground or gym per day.
- Children will be placed 6ft apart in the classroom.
- There will be no off site field trips.

Supplies

- Families will need to supply their child's colored pencils, water colors, markers, crayons, liquid glue, glue stick, 1 pencil and scissors. The supplies should be put in a supply pouch or a ziplock bag with the child's name on it, and kept in their backpack. There will be no sharing of each child's personal supplies
- If certain objects need to be shared in the classroom, they will be sanitized immediately after use.

Designated Isolation Room

- The lifeguard office will be the designated isolation room.
- If a child develops symptoms of COVID-19, a staff member will contact the supervisor and take them straight to the isolation room. Their parent or guardian will be contacted immediately to pick them up.
- A staff member will supervise the child until a parent or guardian picks the child up. 6ft of social distancing must be maintained. If staff cannot maintain 6ft apart, then proper PPE must be worn.
- A parent or guardian will need to pick their child up within 30 minutes of being called if their child shows symptoms of COVID-19.

Common Touch points

- Doors will remain open to avoid opening/closing.

Cleaning Procedures/Sanitizing

- Each program room will have a sanitizing station. Children will be asked to sanitize their hands at the beginning of the day, before and after snack, when returning the classroom from being outside or in the gym, and prior to leaving for the day.
- If items from the classroom need to be shared, they will be sanitized immediately after use.
- High traffic areas such as bathrooms, door knobs, and doors will be sanitized every two hours.

External Visitors (Entertainers, or presenters, not parents).

- All external visitors will be asked for their temperature and if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Visitors will need to wear a facial covering over their mouth and nose.
- The program supervisor Laura Fudala will log all external visitors. The log will indicate time of arrival and time of departure.

Snack Time

- Each child should bring their own snack/water bottle. Snacks/water bottle will remain in their backpacks until snack time. No peanut items will be allowed.

Drop off/Pick Up Procedures

- Drop off will be curbside in front of the Gary Morava Recreation Center. Your child's teacher will be asking for your child's temperature and if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. The children will then be escorted to the classroom by the teacher and teacher aide.
- Pick up will be curbside in front of Gary Morava Recreation Center. Your child's teacher will escort your child to the car.

Temperature/List of Symptoms

- Parents will be asked to take their child's temperature at home. If your child's temperature is 100.4 or higher, please have them stay home.

If your child can respond "Yes" to any of the questions below OR show symptoms, please keep your child at home if they are sick or do not feel well.

- Have you felt feverish?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Have you been experience difficult breathing or shortness of breath?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Have you had a new or unusual headache (e.g., not related to caffeine, diet, or hunger, not related to a history of migraines, clusters, or tension, not typical to the individual)?
- Have you noticed a new lost of taste or sense of smell?
- Have you been experience chills or rigors?
- Do you have any gastrointestinal concerns (abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhea)?
- Is anyone in your household displaying any COVID-19 symptoms?
- To the best of your knowledge has anyone in your household come into close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If a participant does develop symptoms while at preschool, they will be sent home until they have had no fever for at least 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms have first appeared. If a child does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset and can be released after feverless and feeling well (without a fever-reducing medication) for at least 72 hours OR has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

If participant does contract COVID-19, we will contact the proper authorities and follow the appropriate protocol.

Travel Restrictions

If a child has traveled to a state that has a surge in COVID-19 cases, staff will have a heightened awareness of possible symptoms. If a child has traveled to another country of with a level 3 health notice, do not come to preschool.

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COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal authorities and the State of Illinois recommend social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Contracting COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participation in Prospect Heights Park District programs could increase the risk of you or your participant contracting COVID-19. Prospect Heights Park District and its staff undertakes every effort to keep our programming spaces clean and disinfected; however as with any public facility, we cannot guarantee that you will be 100% safe from airborne illnesses such as COVID-19 or colds and flu while participating in programs.

Due to COVID-19, participants must demonstrate the following behaviors or they will not be allowed to enroll or to continue to attend Park District programs.

Participant needs to show they can wear a mask independently for the duration of the program, except when eating or outside and 6 feet apart.

Participants must be able to refrain from habits that could increase the spread of illness such as: picking skin, spitting and putting objects in their mouth.

Participants must not touch others and be able to keeping distance from others.