

# Portage Township YMCA Active Learning Preschool Academy Frequently Asked Questions 2020-2021

## ***Will preschool classes take place virtually or in person?***

Classes will take place in person unless the CDC or Health Department recommends us to close. If that happens, we will switch to virtual classes until we can be in person.

## ***What does a virtual class look like?***

Our virtual class will take place through a Zoom invitation set up by your child's teacher. Class will be as normal as we can make it to a typical day. We will have circle time, calendar time, academic centers, crafts, songs, stories, and snack time.

## ***Will staff and students be required to wear a mask?***

Yes, masks will be required by staff. Students 2 years and older will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible including drop off.

## ***What extra precautions will take place to help reduce Covid-19?***

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival of staff and students. Anyone with a temp of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to stay. Frequent hand washing and good hygiene will be a regular part of our day. Masks will be required when social distancing is not possible. Class sizes have been reduced. Disinfecting high touch areas, toys and supplies will take place after each class.

## ***If my child appears to not feel well can they still attend school if not running a fever?***

If your child is exhibiting any symptoms of general illness they must remain home. They must be symptom free and fever free without the use of a pain or fever reducing medication for 72 hours before returning to school. If your child exhibits any Covid 19 symptoms you will need to seek out medical attention and provide documentation they are Covid 19 free.

***What if my child or family member contracts or has been exposed to Covid 19?*** Your child's teacher needs to be notified within 24 hours even if someone is asymptomatic. Your child will not be allowed to return for a minimum of 14 days and may be required to provide documentation from your health care provider.

## ***What supplies will my child need for school?***

When registering for school you paid a \$15 supply fee to cover supplies. Your child will need a full-size backpack, a mask and water bottle with their name on it brought to class daily. Water fountains will remain closed at this time.

## ***When are class fees due?***

Fees are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. A \$20 late fee will be assessed after the 1<sup>st</sup>. If fees are not current by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month your child may not attend class until your account is paid.

***If our family is going on vacation and will miss time from school will I be able to pro-rate my fee?***

Class fees are divided into nine monthly payments and not discounted for missed days when preschool is closed or from a child's absences.

***How many teachers will my child have?***

We have lowered our ratio to 6 children per teacher to help with social distancing to ensure safety.

***Can I visit my child's classroom?***

Due to current conditions we will not allow visitors into the classrooms to help reduce the risk of Covid 19. All drop off's and pick-ups will takeplace curbside with slightly staggered dismissal times. Parties will be "in class" parties with teachers and students only.

***Do I supply snack for my child or my child's class?***

Our Nutrition Kitchen will be supplying snack to our preschoolers. You will need to send in a water bottle with your child's name on it each day.

***If it's my child's birthday can I send in a special snack for the class?***

Yes! We love birthdays. All birthday snacks must be commercially made and prepackaged. We ask not to bring cupcakes but if you do please bring the mini ones.

***What kind of clothing should my child wear to school?***

We participate in gym class, the Lu, go outside and use many different types of art supplies. Children should be dressed in attire they are comfortable in when participating in the variety of activities we offer.

***Can I have a friend or neighbor pick up my child when I cannot?***

When registering your child you are asked for the names of authorized pick up individuals. We will only release students to those on your list. You are able to go into your preschool portal to add or delete individuals.

***What happens if I am late to pick up my child?***

If you are late and we do not hear from you, your child's teacher will first call you then the emergency contact person to ensure someone is on the way. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute is charged after 10 minutes. If staff cannot reach anyone and your child has not been picked up within 30 minutes, proper authorities will be contacted as we are obligated to do.

***Will my Pre-K child have a graduation?***

It is our hope to have a traditional graduation ceremony. Due to the uncertain times we live in, if this is not possible an alternative graduation acknowledgment will take place.