

What is “Covid-Preparedness” at Wichita Friends School?

- Controlling the number of children in a physical space
- Continual cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA-registered disinfectant
- Teaching and practicing personal hygiene behaviors
- Attendance protocols for children who have been sick
- Daily monitoring of the CDC and KDHE advices for schools
- Large classrooms/small class sizes (12:1 student/teacher ratio, 15 children per room maximum)
- Preschool and latchkey play stations spaced 20 feet apart
- Elementary class *personal safe space* seating arrangement
- Separate bathrooms for Preschool 1, Preschool 2, Pre-K and elementary classes
- Hands-off, motion-activated bathroom soap and towel dispensers
- Lots of time outdoors for play, study and discovery
- Weekly worship focused on community, integrity, simplicity, and peace with open time for children to identify and share their feelings
- Suspension of all-school gatherings, controlling the number of contacts per child during the day
- Immediate isolation of a child who doesn't feel well
- Daily temperature checks for everyone entering the building
- *New protocol* – Children who are sneezing, coughing or have continual sniffles, even in absence of a fever, cannot be in the school building.