

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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Dear Families,

The saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb" refers to typical March weather and the excitement of winter and welcoming of spring. This March has been quite unique in that we have been blessed with spring like weather but we have also been faced with a new "lion," the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

First and foremost, everyday prevention is the best way to combat most illnesses. We routinely keep our classrooms and hallways clean by:

- washing tables after crafts or table work
- washing and disinfecting tables before and after snack
- having BF Steam wash chairs, tables, floors, bathrooms everyday following classes
- washing and disinfecting railings and door knobs from the top floor to the bottom floor
- presenting, modeling, and reinforcing proper health care habits to all our students -(sneeze into your elbow, use tissues, wash hands with soap, tell a teacher if you feel ill)

If your child feels ill, has a fever, cough, vomiting, or diarrhea the day before class, please keep your child home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. We so appreciate you helping us to keep all the children and teachers healthy.

While a decision to close schools in our area is not imminent; now is the time to formulate a plan. In the event of a closure, we will post information on our website, you will receive an email, and a REMIND message will be sent. Understand that we are closely following recommendations from the Department of Health and Department of Education. If we close, we will be aiding in the prevention and spreading of the virus. Please plan for your family's needs in the event that we do close.

In all of this, I encourage you to remain reasonable, rationale and cognizant of your audience when discussing concerns about the virus and its implications. Think carefully about the message we are sending to our children when faced with a threat. Infectious disease specialist, Dr. Adbu Sharkawy, states:

*"Facts, not fear. Clean hand. Open hearts.  
Our children will thank us for it."*

Kind Regards,

*Barbara Sewall  
Preschool Director*