Banana Fana Preschool New 2021 guidelines

1. Banana Fana will be able to increase our group size back to 14 children a day but the preschool program has a cohort of 10-11 children a day. As of December, we will have two dismissals. Our normal dismissal is at 3:00pm with pick up starting at 2:45pm. Our extended care dismissal is at 4:30pm with pick up starting at 4:15pm (extended care is currently at capacity)
2. Drop offs and Pickups will be outside. **Every parent and child** will have a “well

check”. We will take temperatures with a no touch thermometer. We will have a teacher with who will wear a friendly mask to help escort child inside. Child will take off shoes by doorway and another teacher will be there to help wash hands. Teachers will have a walkie talkie to communicate to reduce bottleneck. We understand that transitions can be hard. For those children who need the comfort from their parent then I can only allow one parent in at a time per room with mask on. Time will be limited to 5-10 minutes.

1. Please note all parents, family members, children and staff who have fevers with cough and shortness of breath (not due to asthma) should self-isolate for 7-10 days or 72 hours if ALL symptoms have resolved unless you have received a positive COVID-19 test. Child who attends childcare must remain home until ill family member is clear. Those who have fever but NO cough and NO shortness of breath can return in 48-72 hours and case by case. Runny noses are not a symptom of COVID-19 but we will still monitor. Doctors note are accepted after 2-3 days of fever free to clear.

Please review [Guidance for Childcare -- Directive 2020-14 Updated October 16, 2020 (sfdph.org)](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/2020-14-Guidance-Childcare.pdf)

[COVID-19-FAQ-Contact-Tracing-Schools-Childcare-Youth-Programs.pdf (sfdph.org)](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/COVID-19-FAQ-Contact-Tracing-Schools-Childcare-Youth-Programs.pdf)

1. Children will play outside more (weather permitting). We have created a rhythm and an outdoor classroom.
2. Teachers will wear mask during drop offs, pickups, diaper changes and during meal prep and meal serving.
3. Physical Distancing- children will continue to need physical supportive gestures like hugs, pats on back, holding hands and elbow bumps from adults. Infants and toddlers will still need to be held. We will also stand in proximity to provide a sense of security.
4. Children will be in three small groups while having AM snack outside (social distance) and will have their lunch outside. We are encouraging “social distancing” and helping children understand and respect “space”.
5. In the past, children have been able to bring a “comfy” toy for support. We can no longer accept outside toys. However, if child needs a personal-care or emotional support toy then this toy can come out and support during really hard times and nap. This toy can not be shared.
6. CLEANING and handwash will be more frequent throughout the day. The purpose of more outside time is to clean our inside classroom. Children will spend an extra 60 minutes outside in the morning to allow a teacher to wipe down inside toys (kitchen, tables, bins) and smaller toys. When children reenter to classroom it will be nap time. We will have an outside portable hand station. When they slowly start waking up, they will have a snack then back outside!
7. Children who have extended care will be outside until pick up (weather permitting)
8. PLEASE BRIGHTWHEEL MESSAGE OR TEXT ME YOUR EARLY ARRIVAL so we can meet you outside..
9. Vacations or travel for work. CDC guidelines require to self-quarantine for two weeks when travelling internationally OR a negative COVID test after 10 days of self-quarantine.

COVID-Travel-Advisory.pdf (sfdph.org)

1. If anyone in my household is sick we plan to isolate and will comply with section 3. BUT if anyone in our household has COVID we will close the school until we are clear by the DPH to reopen.