

**** keeping the safety of the children, parents and teachers is our top priority ****

Summer 2020 playgroup guidelines:

For this year we can only accept children 3yrs (and potty trained) to 8yrs, unless your child participated in Spring playgroup.

The maximum number of children we will have per group/day is **10**.

Children should wear a face covering such as a mask or bandana if they can.

For the sake of keeping everyone safe and healthy, we ask that you do your best to avoid any risk of exposure to COVID in your daily life. Accordingly, this means applying best practices for hygiene (frequent hand-washing), avoiding people who are visibly sick, maintaining physical distancing from others outside your household, and the use of masks, to the extent possible. By doing these things, you will not only keep yourselves healthy, but you will help keep our Summer Playgroup safer.

We will perform daily temperature checks at drop off time; children that have elevated temperature, or symptoms of a cold will not be allowed to participate that day. If you suspect any possible exposure or illness, we will ask that you keep your child home that day. Should any child, parent, or teacher show symptoms of COVID we will immediately halt playgroup for 2-5 days and depending on the situation and evaluate continuation of the 2 week period and/or the following one. We strongly recommend that if you experience COVID-like symptoms, you get tested.

This year the drop-off location will be at the beach tree where we will spend the playgroup day with the children. Coordinates and a map are listed below. The reason for this is to avoid clustering that normally happens at drop off/pickup and the walk to the tree and so that we can welcome the children in a staggered fashion; should parents or designated caregivers arrive at the same time we ask that they form a line 6ft apart, so we can receive the children individually and do the temperature checks. If your child used a scooter to get to playgroup, please take it with you after drop off.

To avoid sharing tools, we ask that the children bring their own shovels and buckets (with their names marked); that way they will remember and hold them close much better than ones we would normally hand out; just in case, we will have a few sets available, for children that forget theirs; we will label them and sanitize them before and after use. Any other equipment utilized during playgroup will be wiped clean in between uses. Other than the tools mentioned above, children should not bring their own toys to summer playgroup.

We will apply sanitizers frequently during the playgroup day and will wash hands with water and soap before lunch time.

The tarp, which becomes our “lunch table” will be marked, so that the children will sit at a safe distance from each other. Please pack only easy to eat foods in containers that the children to open themselves; we use gloves to open the backpacks/lunchboxes and place the food and water containers in front of them.

Sunscreen and bug spray should be applied before children arrive for playgroup.

Pickup will be at the same location as drop off; if you or you designated caregiver arrive at the same time, please line up 6ft apart and we will bring your child to you.

***Important! - Please do a tick check as soon as you get home; Prospect Park does have ticks and they are not fun.

Lastly, we will try our best to make it as natural and enjoyable as possible for the children. We will continue making toys with nature elements and take our walks keeping the distance between them. Hope to see you in the summer!

We have compiled this guideline following the recommendations from the CDC, DOH as well as OCFS. For more information to prevent COVID transmission in summer camp, please go to the following links:

CDC guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

NYS DOH and OCFS Guidelines

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Child_Care_Daycamps_Detailed_Guidelines.pdf

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Childcare_and_Summer_Camps_Summary.pdf

Summary of guidelines:

Age group: 3yrs - 8yrs

Number of children per group: 10

Ratio of children per adult: 3-4

Drop off: 9:00 am

Pickup: 1:00pm

Location: Lele's tree in Prospect Park (40.666202, -73.969173, [Map below](#))

Things to bring: Tools (shovel, bucket), water, snacks, lunch, hat, rain gear (weather dependent)

Things not to bring: Toys

What to do if your child has symptoms of illness, such as temperature, runny nose, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash: Keep child at home.

What to do if anyone in your immediate family has symptoms of COVID: Keep the child at home and notify us immediately. Please get tested.

What happens if a child, parent of a child, or a teacher develops symptoms of COVID: Playgroup will be stopped for 2-5 days, after which we will evaluate if the remainder of the group days and the next group will commence or not. Person infected and immediate household members must get tested.

Lunch: please prepare easy to eat items and pack them so they are easy to open and get.

Sunscreen & bug spray: please apply on child before drop off.

Scooters: cannot be left with the playgroup

Tick check: please do this every day you get home from the park.

Cancellation policy: If we have to cancel playgroup due to symptoms of illness, we will refund 50% of the missed days. If we have to close playgroup due to city/state regulations, we will refund any deposit minus a one time \$50 registration fee.

Makeups for missed days are not possible.

Directions to Lele's tree:

Google maps: 40.666202, -73.969173

From 3rd/4th Street and Prospect Park West the best way is to

- walk past the 3rd Street playground
- cross West Drive and carry on straight down the path until you get to the lawn where the majestic Elm tree is; look to your right and we will be by the Beach tree.

