

DRAGONFLIES PROGRAM - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND POLICIES

Masks:

- Adults must wear masks at all times during drop-off and pick-up (and maintain at least 6 foot distance from other parents/families)
- Teacher and parent volunteers will wear masks whenever engaged in interactions with each other and the children, and whenever they are not able to *consistently* maintain distance of 6 feet. Possible exceptions to this would be during purposefully separated activities such as mindfulness practice, sit spots, or at times while hiking. Masks will always be on their person, so they can quickly be put back on.
 - Mask wearing will be determined at the teacher's discretion unless a parent volunteer chooses a more stringent policy.
- Children must come prepared with their own masks. Masks must be well-fitting, and children must be able to independently take them off and put them on. Children will be required to wear masks whenever engaged in interactions with each other and whenever they are not able to *consistently* maintain distance of 6 feet. Possible exceptions to this would be during purposefully separated activities such as mindfulness practice, sit spots, or at times while hiking. Masks will always be on their person, so they can quickly be put back on when asked to.
 - Mask wearing will be determined at the teacher's discretion unless a parent has indicated a more stringent policy for their child.
 - Teacher will carry spare disposable masks, should a child's mask get lost or damaged

Hand-Washing:

- At drop-off before each class, parents must supervise handwashing in the restroom before departing. There will not otherwise be reliable access to running water until departure time.
- Teacher will provide hand sanitizer for use before snack and as needed throughout the day (e.g. if a child touches their nose or mouth)

Sharing of Objects:

- Sharing of objects will be kept to a minimum. Each child will have their own journal and writing implements, magnifying glass, or other equipment, to the extent possible. Most of the items children will be touching will be objects from nature, such as leaves, sticks, pebbles, acorns, etc.

Health Screening:

- Each week, at drop off, you will be asked a series of health screening questions with regard to symptoms and possible exposures related to COVID-19.
- In order to answer the question about fever, we ask that you please take your child's temperature before leaving your house. If your child shows signs of not feeling well and/or a fever of 100.4 or higher, please keep them at home. We cannot get reliable temperature readings outdoors with our thermometers once the weather turns cool.
- If your child is ill, please contact us. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of having attended our program, you must contact us.
- For a detailed outline of our COVID Health Policies, please see the section below.

COVID Health Policies:

- Children who present with a fever over 100.4, or with a **new onset** cough, or who experience a loss of taste or smell (these three symptoms are referred to by the AAP as “major” symptoms) will be immediately separated from their class to the extent possible, and parents will be notified to pick up their child within 30 minutes. In this instance, the Program Director will provide same-day written follow-up to the parents, explaining the symptoms that were present, and requesting that the child visit a doctor prior to returning to school. In this communication, parents will also be asked to re-verify whether the child himself has had any close contact (defined as within 6 feet, for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has positively tested for COVID or presumed positive for COVID.
- **If the answer is yes, then the child *is considered to have been potentially exposed*. The child is required to visit their doctor, and must remain out of school for 14 calendar days. Due to the potential for COVID exposure, this requirement will remain in place even if the child has visited a doctor, and even if a negative COVID test is produced within the 14-day period.**
- If the parents certify that the child *has not been potentially exposed*, then the child can return to school once they have visited a doctor, and once they are fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours. A doctor’s note is not required for the child to return to school in this instance; however, due to the presence of a major COVID symptom, we do request that you visit your doctor, and follow any guidance provided. If the doctor orders a COVID test, we request that your child remain out of school until the results are returned. (Consistent with previously issued guidance, in the event of a positive test a child is required to remain out of school for 14 days; any other children in the household will also be unable to return to school during this timeframe).
- Children who present with potential COVID symptoms other than those above - to include runny nose/“sniffles”, sore throat, upset stomach, fatigue, diarrhea, body aches, or shortness of breath (referred to by the AAP as “minor” COVID symptoms) - will be subject to ERS’s traditional illness policies (see General Health Requirements, above)
 - A child who presents with one of these symptoms will not be sent home from school, unless their symptom would typically require removal from school (such as diarrhea or vomiting, or fatigue that prevent them from participating in daily activities).
 - In these instances, the child will not be required to see a doctor; the child can return to school once the symptom has subsided.
 - **If the child presents with a “minor” symptom, and has been potentially exposed to COVID, then they will be required to remain out of school for 14 days. (This requirement is due to the exposure, and not due to the symptom itself).**