

COVID PROTOCOL

WCEA will be operating in-person, five days a week, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Drop-off and dismissal:

- Adults are to drop off students by the back door. Students will enter the building themselves. If you must walk a student to the door, park in the front of the building. Adults should not enter with their child.
- Upon entering, students will be checked for symptoms including a possible temperature check. (Fever is defined as 100.4 F or greater)
- Nonessential visiting by adults is discouraged. Please text or email the teachers any necessary communication.
- Adults are to remain in their vehicles parked in front or back of the building for pick up. Upon dismissal, staff will dismiss students, visually watching them get to their vehicle. If your student stays for aftercare, please text the teachers when you arrive so they can walk your child to you.

Social distancing and minimizing exposure:

- We will create as much space between students and teachers as is feasible
- Snacks and beverages served to a group should be individually packaged. In addition, please work with your child to teach them to open their own snack or lunch item packages.
- Specials like karate may be done outside for more space and ventilation. In fact, we will be using outside more often for learning activities.
- Frequent reminders for students and staff to stay apart from one another will be given. Air hugs and high fives will be the norm.

Cloth face coverings and face shields:

- Wearing cloth face coverings is recommended and will be required for students with coughs or runny noses.

Hygiene practices:

- Supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, and tissues) will be provided and strategically placed in areas where they may be frequently used.
- We will reinforce handwashing during key times including but not limited to: arrival; before, during, and after preparing or eating food; after using the bathroom; after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing; after touching objects with bare hands that have been handled by other people.
- Each student will have their own school supplies to minimize sharing of materials to the extent possible.

Monitoring and excluding for illness:

- Regular screening for symptoms will be done throughout the school day to help to quickly identify signs of illness and help reduce exposure. Staff and students will be encouraged to self-monitor symptoms. If symptomatic, a student will be isolated and pick up mandated.
- Staff and students should stay home if they have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat or present with symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following: fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea. They can return to school when symptoms are no longer present in most cases.
- Staff and students must stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms. Stay home at least 7 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms. In addition, a student or staff must stay home for 10 days if they have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 or 7 days with a negative test result.
- Staff and families must self-report to the school administration if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or had a close exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days. Privacy will be maintained.
- It is not required for students or staff members to have documentation of a negative viral test or a letter certifying release from isolation in order to return to school, but they must follow recommended guidance regarding when to return to school.
- If a student or staff must stay home because they may have been exposed to COVID-19, Parents/guardians will be notified of the potential health threat to their child. Confidentiality in accordance with FERPA and all other state and federal laws will be maintained. It is up to each family to decide if they want to keep their child at home. The exposed person must stay home for 7-10 days.
- If a student or staff is found to have COVID-19, distance learning may be put into place.