

2021-2022 Lavender Farm COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan



Welcome back to Lavender Farm! We are very excited to return to in-school learning and play as an Emergency Childcare (ECC). To do this safely and comfortably for all in our community, we have developed this comprehensive plan. The health and safety of all in our community is our primary focus and responsibility.

The Early Learning Department of Oregon has issued a health and safety plan: [ELD COVID-19 Health & Safety plan](#) and [ELD amendments](#) for all operating ECCs. Our Health & Safety plan adheres to these guidelines.

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Group Size Requirements

Because we are a smaller school, we are able to maintain our original class-size of 10-12 students per day.

Face coverings (masks) and other PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- All staff must wear face coverings while on school grounds (with the exception of eating and drinking).
- All parents/guardians and children kindergarten age and up must wear face coverings at all times while on school grounds.** We have disposable face coverings available for use if family members must enter the school.
- The CDC says, "Everyone 2 years and older should wear masks in public." <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>. *We are asking students to wear a face covering (mask) at school. We understand this is may not be doable for all young students. We will make an individual plan for each student. We*

will closely watch the OHA guidelines, vaccination rates, and infection rates and will assess the mask-wearing guidance on an monthly basis. We have a number of vulnerable members in our community and we feel we need do what we can to keep all safe and healthy.

- * Children must not wear a face covering while sleeping.
- If a child removes a face covering or demonstrates a need to remove the face covering for a short-period of time, staff must (per ELD):
 - supervise the child to maintain six feet or more of physical distancing from all adults and children while the face covering is removed,
 - show the child how to effectively wear a face covering, if needed, AND
 - guide the child to re-engage in safely wearing a face covering.
- Face coverings must be provided by the family.
- Please keep face coverings clean: Wash daily or use another clean face covering each day.
- Please provide an extra face covering to store in your student's cubby (if they will be wearing one at school). Place the face covering in a labeled bag.
- Face coverings must follow CDC guidelines:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

*Children will never be disciplined for the inability to safely wear a face covering.

**Exceptions can be made only for providers, staff AND visiting staff and children kindergarten age and up if they have a medical condition or disability, as documented by their doctor's order, which prevents them from wearing a face covering.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Plan

- Drop-off and pick-ups will happen in the courtyard, just outside the main entrance door.
- All adults from different households maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from each other during drop-off and pick-ups in the courtyard. Please feel free to use the courtyard chairs while waiting to drop-off your student.

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- We ask only one adult per family drop-off and pick-up their student and for adults to remain outside in the courtyard.
- All adults are required to wear a mask at all times while on school property.**([see above exceptions](#)).
- All students will be signed in and out by Jennifer or Mary.

Drop-off:

- Arrive between 8:30am and 9am. If we find that there are too many families dropping off at the same time, we may implement a staggered drop-off plan in order to allow for safe distances.
- If a family is being checked in, have a seat in one of the chairs in the courtyard or stand distanced from other waiting families.
- Check in with Jennifer or Mary. Teachers will be checking in your student.
- Please clean your hands and assist your student with hand sanitizer at the check in station.
- Jennifer or Mary will take the temperature of your child prior to entering the school. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 Fahrenheit, we must exclude them from the school day. See below under **Wellness Check** for specifics.
- Each family will be asked two questions each morning as part of our **Wellness Check** (the wellness check will be recorded each day along with daily attendance). See below under **Wellness Check** for more specifics about these two questions.
- Once your child is cleared for school, make sure you have helped your child sanitize their hands, say your goodbyes outside, and Jennifer or Mary will assist them with washing their hands and getting settled for the day.

Pick-Up:

- Please pick up your child just outside the door to the main entrance.
- Adults may wait in the courtyard at a distance of at least 6 feet from adults/children of other families. Feel free to use the appropriately distanced chairs.

- Jennifer or Mary will assist your child in gathering their things and will sign out your child with you.
- Help your student use the hand sanitizer as they depart.

Wellness Check and Exclusions:

After taking your student's temperature we will ask the following two questions:

1. "Has the child been exposed to someone with a **positive and/or presumptive*** case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?"

- *A "presumptive" case means the person was exposed to someone with COVID-19 **and showed symptoms in the past 10 days**.
- IF YES, they must quarantine for 10 days. The 10 days begins on the day that the child last had contact with the COVID-19 case. If the person with COVID-19 never had symptoms, use the time period of 2 days before the test was taken until 10 days after as the infectious period.
- The 10-day quarantine can NOT be shortened by a negative COVID-19 test, or by getting a note from a medical professional.

***If the child has a household member with symptoms of COVID-19, that are NOT confirmed or presumptive, carefully monitor the child for symptoms.**

2. "Is the child experiencing new loss of taste and smell, an unusual cough, shortness of breath, or fever?"

- Unusual cough means something not normal for the person (e.g. not allergies/asthma)
- IF YES, that person must be excluded from the program for 10 days, AND be symptom free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
- If they receive a negative COVID-19 test that was taken before the 10 days is up, they can return once they have been symptom-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
- Anyone with a fever of 100.4 Fahrenheit is excluded.
- If the child only has a fever (without any cough or difficulty breathing), they may return to school if they have been checked and cleared by a medical professional and:
 - They are under the **documented direction of the medical professional** and are fever-free for at least 24 hours (with out use of fever-reducing medication).

Please ensure your student has sanitized their hands prior to entering the school.

Wellness Check for Staff/Adults (entering program): Our exclusion policy is the same for our staff members. Staff conduct their own wellness checks each morning. A Wellness Check will be conducted for all program visitors.

When to Keep Your Student at Home

- A fever of 100.4 or higher
- Symptoms of unusual cough or shortness of breath
- A new loss of taste and smell
- If you've had any exposure to someone with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19
- Symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, headache, sore throat or rash

Sending a Child/Staff Member Home:

- A fever of 100.4 or higher
- Symptoms of unusual cough or shortness of breath
- A new loss of taste and smell
- If you've had any exposure to someone with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19
- Symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, headache, sore throat or rash
- Child will be **isolated with** a teacher nearby

Positive COVID-19 Case Protocols:

- Jennifer will notify the Local Public Health Authority and our Licensing Specialist immediately.
- Jennifer will communicate with all families and other individuals who have been in the facility in the past 14 days.
- Jennifer will ensure all children and staff and anyone who came in contact with the student not come to the program and are informed about the need to be quarantined at home for 10 days.
- **Decisions about required closure will be made in conjunction with ELD staff and the LPHA.**

Hand-washing & General Hygiene

All staff and children will wash hands for at least 20 seconds ([Hand sanitizer with alcohol content between 60-95% is allowed when an asterisk* appears](#)). Children will always have teacher assistance when using hand sanitizer):

- Before and after eating, preparing food, and or water bottle preparation.
- Before and after administering medication.
- After toileting or assisting with toileting.
- Before and after diapering.
- After wiping a nose, coughing, or sneezing.*
- After coming in from outside.*
- Upon entering and leaving the child care facility.*
- After sharing toys, learning materials, etc.*

– [Hand sanitizer will always be stored out of reach of children.](#)

Sanitizing and Disinfecting the School

We will be following the requirements and guidelines from the Early Learning Department to keep the school as sanitized as possible throughout the day and at the end of each day.

- Surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day with soap and water and with a sanitizing solution of bleach and water. (Children will be an appropriate distance away as we use the sanitizing solution).
- Supplies and toys will be cleaned throughout the day or removed from the play areas to be cleaned at the end of each day.
- School nap bedding will be laundered at the end of each week. Each student will have a sheet provided by the school to cover their nap mats. These sheets will be stored in each student's cubby.
- The school will be disinfected at the close of each school day.
- Please launder your student's bedding from home at the end of each week.

For the specifics of school cleaning requirements please see [page 40-43: Cleaning and Building Maintenance in the ELD Health & Safety Guidelines](#).

Snacks and Lunches

- Lunches will be provided by each family at drop-off.
- Please provide a labeled, cleaned, and filled water bottle each morning.
- We will provide snacks for students but will no longer be serving from the table family style. Snacks bowls and containers will be out of reach of children and always served by Jennifer and Mary.
- We will do our best to distance students during our eating times.

Outdoor Space

- Outdoor play and learning equipment will be sanitized between uses.

Parent/Guardian Meetings

- All parent/guardian meetings will be held virtually with the exception of our pre-start outdoor visit.

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Services:

- Specialized services staff will be able to provide support in the school.
- All support personnel will undergo our **Wellness Check** (which will be recorded in the visitor log), be subject to exclusion rules, and are required to wear a face covering while in the school.

Other School COVID-19 Prevention Protocols

- We will be keeping our windows open. We will install safety gates in front of two of our doors, for the option of keeping them open to ensure a higher volume of air flow through the school.

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- We will be using air purifiers placed appropriately around the school to help clean the air of virus particles. We have just installed two Blueair Classic 605 Air Purifiers for Home with HEPASilent Filtration in the classroom.
- Our heating and cooling unit always draws air from outside, so we will not be recirculating air from inside the school.
- We will be spending more time outside.
- As we rest and sleep on our mats they will be placed more than 36" apart and oriented head to toe.

Because we are beginning our full-time school days in the summer, the weather will enable us to be more comfortable with the above plan. However, the mornings may still be chilly. Please send your student to school in clothing to keep them warm.

Lavender Farm is a compassionate community of students, families, and teachers. To help keep our community as healthy as possible, we ask that we all take extra care and precautions recommended by the Oregon Health Authority, the Centers For Disease Control with the goal of keeping Covid-19 out of our school community. Our hope is that all adults in our community will have access to vaccinations and be fully vaccinated by the end of the summer.

We are so happy to welcome you all to school! We will do everything possible to keep all in our community healthy.

By signing this, I, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of

_____ [child(ren)'s name(s)] acknowledge that I

have read, understand and agree to the policies listed in this handbook:

_____ (Parent/Guardian name printed)

_____ (Parent/Guardian name signed)

agreed to and signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

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