Covid Safety at Touchstone

Dear Touchstone Community,

The Covid situation is dynamic and we want you to feel informed of the latest school safety protocols. Please be sure to read this information carefully as it will pertain to you and your child. Safety is our top priority at all times! Feel free to contact us with questions.

Your Admin team,

Rose Witteveen, Principal
Charcie Peabody, Assistant Principal

Exclusion protocols for school

We follow the states' regular illness policy for exclusions plus new Covid exclusion rules. Please keep your child at home if they exhibit any of these symptoms:
* New cough out of the ordinary for the person- i.e. asthma, allergies
* Fever of 100.4 or higher without the use of fever-reducing medicines
* Exclusion from school should be for 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours after cough and fever resolve.

The 10 day exclusion period can be shortened:

- If the person with symptoms of Covid tests negative at any time during the 10 day period they can return to school after resolution of cough and fever without fever reducing medicine
- If a persons only symptom is fever and is advised by a professional they can return to school
- Documentation from a medical professional is recommended

Health Screening Questions:

1) Have you been exposed to anyone who's tested positive for Covid?
2) Have you been exposed to anyone who's a presumptive Covid?
3) Do you have any symptoms of Covid? Fever, unusual cough, loss of taste or smell?

Anyone who answers yes is not permitted to enter the building.

Positive Covid Case at School

If there's a positive case of Covid at school, we will notify the entire school population. We will contact the Oregon Health Authority and follow their guidelines for quarantine and advise the directly exposed families right away. If your child has been directly exposed, you will be called to pick up your child right away.

Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

Parents are allowed back in our building! Everyone in our building must pass the health screening questions. **You can walk your child to their classroom door. Please stop at the classroom door and let your child walk in and put their things in their cubby.** Thank you!

Face Masks at School

All children wear face masks all day except when eating, napping, or playing outside.
If a child removes a face covering, or demonstrates a need to remove the face covering for a short period of time, we will:
• Supervise the child to maintain physical distancing while the face covering is removed;
• Show the child how to effectively wear a face covering;
• Guide the child to re-engage in safely wearing a face covering;
• Face coverings should be washed daily or a new one worn daily. If a face shield is used, it should be wiped down with disinfectant at the end of the day after use. Disposable face coverings should be worn only once.

Best Practices for Handwashing and General Hygiene

1. Staff and children should wash hands for at least 20 seconds (hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol is supported when an asterisk* appears):
• Before and after eating and preparing food
• 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*
• If staff are moving between stable groups*
• After cleaning (staff only)

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