



Westside School Family Promise

As members of our Westside School community, each of us must do our part to help keep all of us healthy and safe. We all have the responsibility to put our community first: signing this commitment is a promise to modify our behaviors to promote the health and safety of the entire community. This shared responsibility, to be considerate of others and to comply with health and safety requirements, is at the heart of this promise.

Our Family Promise includes:

- **Handwashing:** All individuals entering campus are expected to wash their hands upon entering the building, before and after eating, and frequently in between.
- **Masks:** All individuals entering campus must wear a mask. For everyone's safety, masks with ventilators will not be allowed. We have disposable masks on campus if you need one. Students are expected to wear their masks at all times, with the exception of when eating and specific outdoors 'mask breaks'.
- **Social distancing:** All students on campus will be assigned to a 'learning cohort' that will not mix with other learning cohorts. Within cohorts, everyone is asked to do their best to maintain social distance.
- **Health screening:** Before entering the building, everyone must complete a [health screening in SchoolDoc](#) and 72hr symptom review, including a temperature check. We will ask parents to complete this for students at home each morning before they are allowed on campus. We will do additional checks at the door. We have piloted this system successfully at summer camp.
- **Stay off campus/no visitors:** to minimize the number of people in our building, parents and visitors are not currently allowed on campus.
- **Transparency:** If you or someone in your family has a known exposure, symptoms of COVID, or a suspected/positive case, you must inform us at the school. We commit to informing you if there are exposures on campus.

A successful school year is in our hands. Our collective health and safety relies on families self-reporting potential exposure and following our procedures. Following these protocols will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at Westside School, but we want you to understand that the school cannot guarantee an environment free of COVID-19, and coming onto campus may involve some risk of contracting COVID-19. Accordingly, we suggest that students and families who do not feel comfortable or safe returning to campus this fall consider waiting and re-evaluate at a later date. Families or individuals who deliberately take actions which endanger the health or safety of any member of the school community will face disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Westside School staff and faculty are as prepared as we can be to make the campus a safe learning and working environment. Continued collaboration, flexibility, dedication, and hard work is essential for us to be able to continue to offer our challenging and excellent education programs on-campus and online. By being considerate of others, we are capable of having an incredible school year.

Signing this Family Promise acknowledges that families have read the Community Expectations and Health and Safety sections of the Westside School Reopening and Reopening Hub on the school's [website](#) and pledge to follow the protocols and rules consistently and honestly. Signing this form is a requirement for all students and family members who wish to participate in programs on campus at Westside School for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.



Westside School, COVID-19, and Acknowledgment of Risk

The collective effort and sacrifice of Washington residents staying at home limited the spread of COVID-19. But community transmission of COVID-19 within Seattle continues, including transmission by individuals who are infected and contagious, but have no symptoms. Infected persons are contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”), and many are contagious without ever developing symptoms (“asymptomatic”). Pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people are likely unaware that they have COVID-19.

We know that the return to school is an important step in the resumption of activities. However, the decision by Governor Inslee and the Department of Health to allow return to school does not mean that attending school or childcare is free of risk. The virus may remain transmissible on surfaces for several days, and no sanitation protocol can guarantee complete elimination of risk. Attending school could increase the risk of the child becoming infected with COVID-19. The health impacts of COVID 19 are still not fully known or understood, although it is known that there are potentially serious health concerns, including possible fatality. Some children and youth may develop a rare complication that can impact young people who have had COVID-19. It is called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Asymptomatic children may also transmit the illness to others.

Each parent or guardian must determine for themselves if they are willing to take the risk of enrolling their child to physically attend school classes, including whether they need to take additional precautions to protect the health of their child and others in the household. They should particularly consider the risks to household members who are adults 65 years or older, or anyone who has an underlying medical condition. Parents and guardians may want to discuss these risks and their concerns with their pediatrician or other health care provider, or to consult such sources as the Center for Disease Control, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Westside School is conscientious about following health protocols and expects full cooperation in this regard. Prior to returning to school, Westside School will provide information on health and safety protocols for parents, students, and visitors on [our Health & Safety website](#). Parents must read and discuss the protocols before their child attends school. These protocols are subject to change and modification depending on evolving information. There may be incidents or activities throughout the school day where a protocol may be modified in the discretion of supervising adults.

I understand the risks associated with enrolling my child in school, and agree to assume the risks to my child and my household. I also agree to follow all safety requirements that Westside School imposes as a condition of enrolling my child. I understand that if my child has a condition that requires a reasonable accommodation related to the safety protocols, I will discuss this with appropriate school personnel.