

### **Wearing a Mask**

When putting on a mask, do not touch the front of the mask. Use the sides and the ear ties to apply the mask. When removing the mask, use the same technique. Do not touch the part that goes over your face. Be sure that the mask covers your nose and mouth. If there is a metal bar, use that to tighten the mask around your nose.

Wash your hands before and after you touch the mask to avoid contamination of the mask or of other surfaces.

If the mask is wet, please do not use it.

Wash reusable masks daily and dry completely.

Any students with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask will be identified when they are enrolled, and accommodations made.

### **Use of Masks**

Staff will wear masks at all times, unless: outside and able to socially distance, inside and able to distance and talking or teaching, or socially distancing and eating or drinking.

Students will wear masks inside, except will eating or drinking. Mask breaks will occur at least once during the morning and once during the afternoon. Snacks and lunch also count as breaks.

When outside and engaged in physical activity, students may remove their masks.

Students will not swap masks.

Masks will be kept on the student's desk when off and inside, or on the student's person when outside.

We will have spare disposable masks in case something happens to a mask or if the student forgets.

Masks will be worn in hallways, bathrooms, or when entering or leaving the building.

\*Use of positive reinforcement, posters, and conversation will help reinforce the use of masks.

### **Social Distancing**

Students are placed in cohorts and will remain in the same cohort during their enrollment here. Cohorts will no comingle.

While it is the goal to have students maintain a 6' space between themselves and others, it is often not realistic when dealing with younger school age children. IN an effort to keep our children, their families, and our staff safe, we have enacted social distancing protocols.

- When using the bathroom, students line up, keeping fingertip to fingertip apart when arms are extended full length. Only one child in the bathroom at a time.
- When in the classrooms, all desks face the same direction. Desks are kept at least 6' apart in all directions.
- When students are watching a movie doing a group activity inside, they can use their yoga mats. Mats will be place 6' apart, and will be facing the same direction.
- Outside activities will take place as often as possible. Social distance will be practiced. Activities will be those that encourage social distancing as part of the normal activity. Adaptations to games will be used if needed to allow adequate space. During exercise and physical games, no mask required.
- If students are eating, they will eat outside and socially distance. If eating inside, they will be spaced apart appropriately.

## **Hand washing**

Viral transmission is dramatically slowed when hands are clean. Staff will oversee hand washing for the following times, and any other that seems necessary;

- Upon arrival at the program
- Before and after breakfast
- Before and after group activity
- After use of computers
- After use of shared recreational equipment (like a ball, hoola hoop, jump rope)
- Before and after lunch
- After use of the bathroom
- Before and after snack
- After sneezing or coughing
- Before and after putting on or taking off mask.
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IF unable to access the soap and water to wash, the use of 60% alcohol hand sanitizer is acceptable. Hand sanitizer is in every room, and in the program office.

Hand washing will be for at least 20 seconds (alphabet song x 2, or 1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi, to 20)