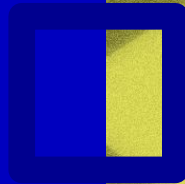



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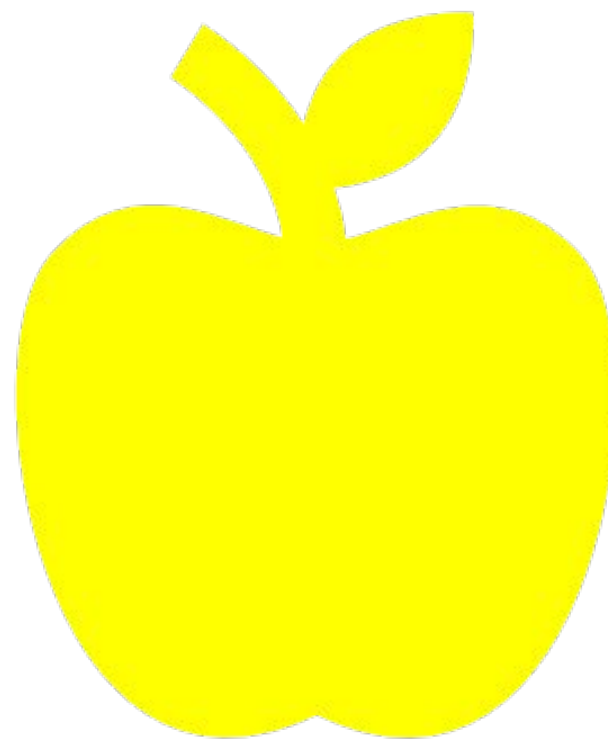
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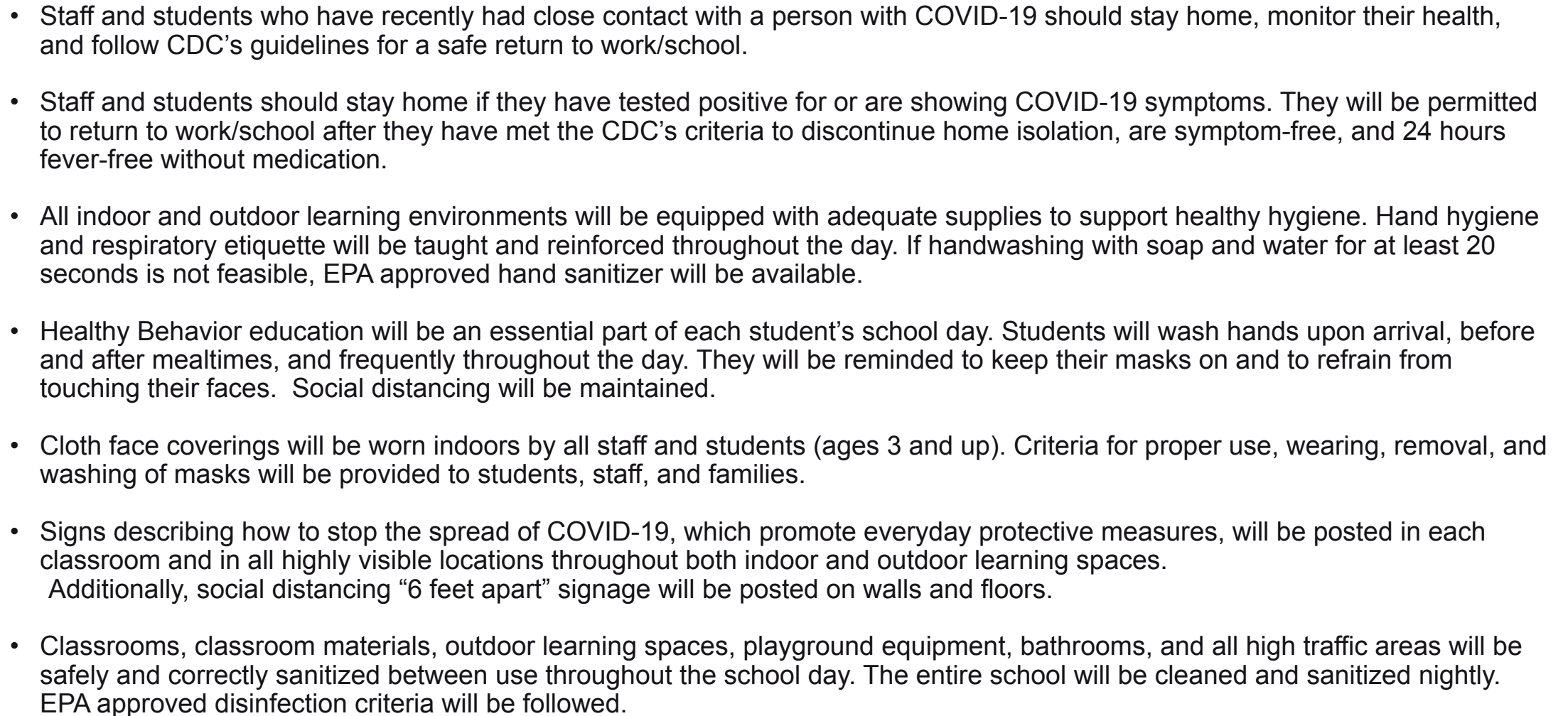




We are confident that the Sundance community will continue to stand strong as we move forward with plans to provide every student with an outstanding education and embrace our new normal. Our goal is to welcome students and teachers back to campus in the safest way possible, while meeting the needs of our families.

Healthy
Behaviors

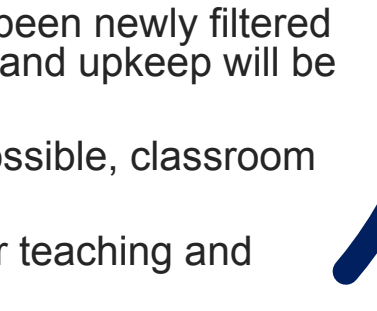


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- Staff and students who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home, monitor their health, and follow CDC's guidelines for a safe return to work/school.
 - Staff and students should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms. They will be permitted to return to work/school after they have met the CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation, are symptom-free, and 24 hours fever-free without medication.
 - All indoor and outdoor learning environments will be equipped with adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene. Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be taught and reinforced throughout the day. If handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is not feasible, EPA approved hand sanitizer will be available.
 - Healthy Behavior education will be an essential part of each student's school day. Students will wash hands upon arrival, before and after mealtimes, and frequently throughout the day. They will be reminded to keep their masks on and to refrain from touching their faces. Social distancing will be maintained.
 - Cloth face coverings will be worn indoors by all staff and students (ages 3 and up). Criteria for proper use, wearing, removal, and washing of masks will be provided to students, staff, and families.
 - Signs describing how to stop the spread of COVID-19, which promote everyday protective measures, will be posted in each classroom and in all highly visible locations throughout both indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Additionally, social distancing "6 feet apart" signage will be posted on walls and floors.
 - Classrooms, classroom materials, outdoor learning spaces, playground equipment, bathrooms, and all high traffic areas will be safely and correctly sanitized between use throughout the school day. The entire school will be cleaned and sanitized nightly. EPA approved disinfection criteria will be followed.

Arrival and Dismissal

- Only staff, students, and NJ State Licensing personnel will be allowed into the Sundance School building.
- Upon arrival, parents/guardians/designated caregivers will be greeted by a Drop-off Team member and directed to the health screening area. Parents/designated caregivers/guardians will be asked to confirm that their child is free of all COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, pink-eye, allergy-like symptoms, sore throat, diarrhea, gastro-intestinal upset, flu-like symptoms, headache, new loss of taste or smell).
- Each morning, a Drop-off Team member will remove your child from the vehicle for an onsite contactless Infrared Temperature Screening. A temperature reading of 100.4 degrees F would be considered a fever. The child would then be returned safely to the car and sent home

Student Life

- We will ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff during the school day.
 - These small cohorts (groupings of 8 -12 students) will remain together throughout the course of the school day with minimal in-person interaction with other cohorts.
 - Books, toys ,electronic devices, learning aids, games will not be shared.
 - Each student will be provided with his/her own supplies.
 - Each student's belongings will be separated from others' and stored in individually labeled cubbies, areas, containers and desks where applicable.
 - Staff will wear disposable gloves when cleaning and sanitizing surfaces used for food, before and after each mealtime, and whenever sanitizing hard surfaces.
 - Students will be required to bring their own snacks, lunch, and refillable water bottles to school each day. Social distancing will be strictly enforced and maintained throughout the day and whenever eating or drinking.
 - Desks and seating will be spaced 3 feet apart, facing in the same direction.
 - Our school-safe ventilation system and A/C units have been newly filtered and properly cleaned. Professional system inspections and upkeep will be ongoing.
 - To increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, classroom windows and doors will be opened during the day.
 - Teachers and students will enjoy the benefits of outdoor teaching and learning each school day during the fall semester.
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FAQs

- When is the first/last day of school?
Thursday, September 9th is the 1st day of school for all 5-day! students. Friday, September 10th 1st day for 3-day students.
Friday, June 10th is scheduled to be the last day of school.
- What time should I arrive with my child for health screening/onsite temperature check? What time is dismissal?
Arrival/dismissal times are as follows:
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please arrive between 8:50 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

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- Please note:
 1. If an Executive order mandating a statewide lockdown is issued by Governor Murphy's office at any point during the school year, Sundance will pivot to remote learning.
 2. If 1 staff, student, or immediate family member of a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, that student's/staff member's cohort will be closed for 10 days.
 3. If 2 or more students, staff members, or immediate family members of a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19 the entire school will close for 10 days period for deep cleaning/sanitizing.

More FAQs

- What will a typical day be like for students?
- The health and safety of our students, families, and staff must remain our top priority. Our mission to support and nurture the inner being, physical body, and social emotional development of our students remains steadfast. We are brainstorming every creative way possible to fill the days with the joyful learning our children so dearly miss so that they can develop, discover and hone the skills they need for success while in the loving care of our gifted educators.
- Will the outdoor learning be more than just play?
- Our teachers are in the process of designing lessons and activities across all subject areas (both inside the classroom and in our outdoor learning spaces) that foster meaningful engagement, inspire curiosity, spark imagination, and embrace the wonder of childhood.
- Will there be shows, concerts, special events?
- Will promise to keep the Arts an integral part of the Sundance experience. Our Arts Specialists will continue to offer classes in Art, Dance, Drama, Music, World Language, and STEM. All students will enjoy the arts-integrated experience that has set Sundance apart from other schools for over 40 years. We've got magic to do, and we are thrilled that you and your children will be a part of it!

A few more FAQs

What if I miss drop-off?

Please call the office if you are not able to get to Sundance in time for 9:00 a.m. arrival. When you arrive, please park your car, escort your child to the front door, and ring the bell. Once screened, your child will be escorted to class.

What if I cannot get there in time for dismissal?

Kindly call the office if you are running late. When you arrive, please park your car and ring the bell. Your child will be dismissed to you directly at that time.

Should I notify the school if my child will be absent?

Yes. Please call the school office if your child will be absent. If you have advanced notice of your child's absence, please contact the Sundance School Administration and your child's teacher via email.



What if I need my child dismissed early?


Please email the Sundance School administration and your child's teacher in advance regarding the date and time of the early dismissal. When you arrive in the parking lot, kindly park your car, ring the front bell, and a staff member will dismiss your child to you.

What if I forget to send lunch or snacks?

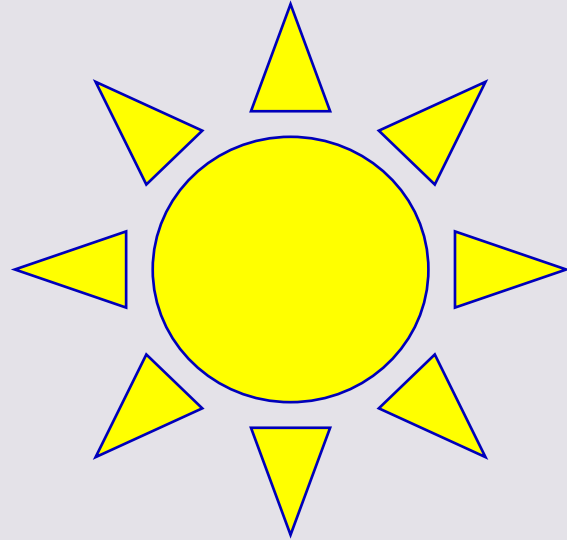
Sundance will happily provide a healthy lunch and/or snacks for your child whenever necessary.

May I send in a special treat for my child's birthday?

Sundance will provide all birthday items. Your child will have a choice of ice-pops, fruit snacks, or Smart-Pop popcorn. We will celebrate with decorative napkins and plates and the "Happy Birthday" song.



Closing Remarks



AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO ONE DAY ENJOYING
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REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR COMMITMENT
TO MAINTAINING A SAFE AND HEALTHY
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OUR SUNDANCE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU!