

**** Updated 3/12/21****

Due to the reduced COVID-19 cases in our local area and the continued distribution of vaccines in our country, we are moving to a Modified Level 1 Plan.

COVID-19 LEVEL 1 PRECAUTIONS AND LEVEL 2 PLAN

We are dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment for our families and teachers. This document outlines the procedures we have in place to limit the risk of illness transmission in our school.

LEVEL 1 PRECAUTIONS

Health Standards - As students attend school, we will continue to have increased health precautions in all areas of our building.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

There is a health check station at the front lobby. We are taking everyone's temperature and completing a verbal health assessment daily. Teachers and students are required to wash hands immediately upon arrival. **Starting 4/5/21, Parents will be allowed to enter the building to drop off and pick up their student. There will be hand sanitizing stations outside the front entrance and in the lobby for families to use before walking to their classroom. IF teachers are not in the classroom (ex. 8:15 a.m. older students would be at breakfast), parents will assist children in hand washing before dropping them off with their classmates. We are asking that parents limit their time in the building to 10 minutes or less and that they wear a mask properly during their visit. This will be a key component for us to avoid the risk of illness spreading and potential quarantines.**

Daily Health Considerations

We wash hands often with soap and water. We also clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. We ask everyone to cover their coughs and sneezes (in your elbow).

Self Screening and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is recommended by the CDC when social distancing cannot be implemented. **The St Charles County modified school reopening guidelines indicate families will self screen (temperature check and symptom check) at home before coming to school. We will no longer be taking temperature checks at the door. Starting 3/22/21, our staff will wear masks throughout the day in the building when they cannot socially distance.** You may see them with their mask off when they are six feet away from others. **We will follow the vaccine guidelines when any staff member chooses to be vaccinated.** We will continue checking students for illness symptoms during the day, continue hand washing routines and limit the sharing of materials among groups of students.

Materials and Building Cleanliness

Our classroom materials are cleaned throughout the day. We have a three step process that includes a sanitizing solution approved by the public health department. This includes toys, cribs, cots, bedding, and surface areas like tables, cabinet doors, mouthed objects, toileting areas, etc. In addition, we have a cleaning company that comes in daily to clean the building and sanitize bathrooms and floors.

What if someone becomes sick?

Our current health policy will continue to be in place. If a student becomes sick while at LLW, we will keep them separate from well children and contact their parents for immediate pick-up. **Our health standard of students and teachers being free of contagious symptoms for 24 hours before returning will always be followed.** If a child or teacher has symptoms that resemble COVID-19, we may require documentation of testing or require the recommended days of home isolation per the St. Charles County Public Health Department before returning to LLW. **As of 3/11/21, the duration of quarantine for close contacts has changed from 14 days to 10 or 7 days, depending on the circumstances.** We have specific guidance that outlines how we will respond if we have a confirmed case.

Travel Policy - We ask that if you are planning on travelling outside of the St. Louis area, please follow all recommended safety precautions and guidelines. If you feel that your illness exposure risk is high, we would recommend you take precautions after your return and/or suggest you to wait on your travel plans.

LEVEL 2 PLAN

We will continue to assess the changes in COVID-19 transmission in our local community. If we determine it is necessary to implement additional safety standards, it will be called a Level 2 Plan and all families will be notified of the changes.

- Staggered lunch times for classrooms that may overlap when eating in the cafeteria, and/or move all meals to classrooms.
- All staff wear a face mask.
- Modify the format for all social events for families and students that create a large group gathering (Curriculum Night, Harvest Festival, Christmas Program, KPrep Graduation).
- All field trips and special guest programming will be cancelled.

Thank you for your continued support during this time!