

2021-2022 School Year Covid Plan

Prairie Hill Waldorf school goals for the 2021-2022 school year.

1. The Faculty, Administration and Board of Trustees agrees with the CDC recommendation that; students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to a normal learning environment as soon as possible in-person in the fall is a priority.
2. The Faculty, Administration and Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining an environment that keeps the faculty and staff safe, healthy and working to provide a Waldorf education to all students.

Purpose of this document:

This document was created collaboratively with the faculty, administration and Board of Trustees (BOT) as a working tool to update and review throughout the 2021-2022 school. **This document is subject to change and can be updated and modified as decided by the Faculty, Administration and BOT.**

Review and Communication of this document:

This document will be sent to the community and all feedback from the community will be reviewed by the faculty, administration and Board of Trustees monthly or in the event of a public health emergency or if infection rates in the community and surrounding community increase. The updates will be communicated the first Wednesday of each month in the Prairie Hill update. You will also find this on the Prairie Hill Waldorf website. www.prairiehillwaldorf.org Please send feedback to the committee email: phwscovidcommittee@gmail.com

On Campus Student Life

Face Coverings

1. **Masks are required** for students ages 4 and older in common spaces, which will include assemblies, hallways, and bathrooms or any spaces where students are congregating with those who are not in their cohort or class. Please send appropriate face coverings with your student (See CDC mask regulations) and communicate with your student that this is the expectation in the school building.
2. Masks on students are **strongly recommended but not required** for indoor spaces where classes are in their cohort or class.
3. For students aged 4 and under, masks are **strongly recommended but not required** in shared spaces.
4. Masks will **not be required** outside for staff and students.
5. Faculty and staff will be **required** to wear masks indoors. Teachers may use a face shield for the purpose of lecturing while in their classroom. Staff do not need to mask in their classrooms/offices when alone.

Quarantine (See CDC Guidelines)

1. Adults and students that **are fully vaccinated** and are directly exposed to COVID but and asymptomatic will not be required to quarantine.
2. Adults and students that **are not fully vaccinated** and are directly exposed to COVID must quarantine for 14 days after first known exposure or have a negative COVID test between days 5 and 7 after first exposure; regardless of symptoms or lack of symptoms.

Recess/Assembly

1. The grade school Monday morning assembly will be held outdoors. Assemblies will be moved indoors with masks required in the event of an indoor start. When singing outdoors masks are not required.
2. Recess will be held for grades 1 - 8 outside in a common area.
3. Indoor recess may take place in the gym, with masks required.
4. Indoor recess will be available for grades students who are asked to stay in for missing work or if medically excused from recess as was exercised last year. Masks are required for staff and students.

Music

1. Flutes may be played indoors when students are spaced three feet but encouraged to be played outdoors whenever possible.
2. Singing may be done indoors but is encouraged to be done outdoors whenever possible.

Caregivers on Campus

Drop-off process

1. The faculty found that having time outside before school begins allowed the students to be more prepared to begin their work. The faculty observed that the students became more independent when they were responsible for getting their gear and materials to their classrooms.
2. Caregivers will drop-off their students following the parking lot procedure. Signs will be posted in the front and back parking lots. The front parking lot will be used for families that have only Grades students. Families that have both Grades and Early Childhood students will be using the back parking lot.
3. Faculty member will escort students to their outdoor classroom areas. Drop off time will be from 7:45-8:00 am. Late arrivals after 8:00 am must ring the front door for entry. Please do not walk your child to their outdoor classroom.
4. Early Childhood classes will offer caregivers the opportunity to participate in morning circle only on the first Monday of the month (please contact your teacher for any questions).

5. If a caregiver needs to enter the building, they are to ring the security doors located in the front or the back courtyard entrances. Masks must be worn to enter the building by all people ages 4 and older.

Pick-up process

1. Caregivers will pick up their students outside following the parking lot procedure. Signs will be posted in the front and back parking lots. The front parking lot will be used for families that have only Grades students. Families that have both Grades and Early Childhood students will be using the back parking lot.
2. If a caregiver needs to enter the building, they are to ring the security doors located in the front or the back courtyard entrances. Masks must be worn to enter the building by all people ages 4 and older.
3. Students that are not picked up by 3:25 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (Thursdays at 2:55 due to early release) will be sent to Aftercare and billed accordingly.

Meetings on campus

1. Class Meetings
 - May be held on campus with caregivers masked or on Zoom.
 - Teachers can decide to use both methods.
 - Having some of the meetings on zoom allows more parents to participate in the meetings.
2. All School Meetings
 - Will be done via Zoom to allow for higher participation.
3. Mandate Meetings
 - Board, Finance, Building and Grounds, Fund Development, Marketing and Enrollment and Parent Council will meet on Zoom.

Summer work days with the community

1. Community members will be allowed to work in groups outdoors with the knowledge of the faculty. Masks will be optional outdoors but must be worn when entering the school to use the bathrooms or for any reason.
2. Community members will be allowed to work in limited groups indoors and must be masked with a faculty or staff member present.

Volunteers during the school year

Volunteers entering the building at any time must have permission from a staff or faculty member and must wear a mask.

Festivals Life and School Events

Special Friends Day

The faculty and administration will review Special Friends Day in January

Class Plays

1. Class plays may be outdoors or inside.
2. Mask do not have to be worn by the actors in the plays.
3. If the Class play is inside, the audience will be masked.

Bridging Ceremony

1. Grade 1 will hold their ceremony outside in the back courtyard. The classroom is right across form the courtyard allowing students to go in to meet their teacher.
2. The community can be present for the outside ceremony.
3. Masks will not be required for the outside ceremony.

Michaealmas/Festival of Courage

1. Masks are not required outdoors.
2. Families will be asked to bring their own picnic dinner.
3. Gym bathrooms will be available, all people ages 4 and older must be masked to enter the building.

Martinmas/Lantern Walk/Festival of Community

This is an outdoor event no masks are required. There will not be access to the building.

Advent Spiral/Festival of Light

The event will be held outside for the community to participate over a weekend. This is an outdoor event no masks are required. There will not be access to the building.

Auction

To be determined

Yuletide 2021

Outdoor event for October 2021. Will require many volunteers from the school community.

Field Trips

1. If indoors and around people not in the class cohort, masks will be required for students and adults.
2. When traveling to the field trip by any means of transportation all students and adults must wear a mask.
3. Students and adults will bring their own food and water for the trip.
4. COVID mitigations that are used on campus, such as handwashing, social distancing and mask wearing will apply to off campus trips.
5. **All chaperones must have a negative COVID test two days prior to the start of the field trip to go on the trip.**