

2021-2022 School Year Covid Plan Updated 3/2022

Changes are highlighted in yellow

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

Thank you, Prairie Hill Community, for helping the faculty and staff keep your children on campus and learning through this pandemic. **The CDC guidelines have recently changed, and Waukesha County is in a LOW RISK category. According to the CDC, only HIGH RISK categories need to continue to wear masks indoors.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Starting on Tuesday, March 22 masks will be optional for all faculty, students and community members. We ask you to be supportive and respectful of those who are not ready to remove their masks and who will continue to wear them.

As a community member, you are expected to do all you can to keep each other safe from all illnesses, including COVID, by keeping your students home if they are ill. Prairie

Hill Waldorf School's health room will continue to send children home who are ill, so please make sure you have an up-to-date contact list available for the health room.

The guidelines for masking if you are exposed to COVID or have COVID are still in place. Please see the expectations for these circumstances in the policy below.

It is the hope of our faculty, board and staff that we can all move forward in a positive space, knowing that we will have to remain flexible in the event that there are changes with COVID and by CDC health officials.

Quarantine (when exposed to close contact COVID at home or in class)

1. Adults and students who **are not fully vaccinated** and are directly exposed to COVID, **must quarantine for 5 days** after first known exposure (date of exposure is considered day 0) and have a negative COVID test on day 5 after first exposure: regardless of symptoms or lack of symptoms. If you test negative and have no symptoms, you can return to school but must wear a mask (at all times, indoors) for **5 additional days**. Test result documentation must be submitted to Jeanne Ring at iring@prairiehillwaldorf.org before your student returns to school
2. Adults and students that **are fully vaccinated** (*2 vaccines for Pfizer and Moderna plus a booster, 1 vaccine of J&J plus a booster -must be 2 weeks from booster*) and children who are not eligible for a booster and are considered fully vaccinated with the recommended vaccines above who are directly exposed to COVID and asymptomatic will not be required to quarantine but will be required to be **masked for 10 days** (at all times, indoors) from time of exposure (date of exposure is considered day 0). Test for COVID on day 5 of exposure. Test result documentation must be submitted to Jeanne Ring at iring@prairiehillwaldorf.org.
3. **If an immediate family member tests positive for Covid, you must quarantine for 5 days after first known exposure** (date of exposure is considered day 0) regardless of vaccination status and have a negative COVID test on day 5 after first exposure: regardless of symptoms or lack of symptoms. If you test negative and have no symptoms, you can return to school but must wear a mask (at all times, indoors) for **5 additional days**. Covid can still be spread by close contact, and while getting vaccinated reduces your risk of infection it does not eliminate it when the other safety procedures are not followed (masking, hand washing and social distancing).
4. People who have **previously tested positive within 90 days** of the new exposure (confirmed Covid must be on file with Jeanne Ring at iring@prairiehillwaldorf.org) and are directly exposed to COVID and

asymptomatic will not be required to quarantine but will be required to be **masked for 10 days** (at all times, indoors) from time of exposure (date of exposure is considered day 0).

5. Due to students testing at different times, they will be returning to class on different days. The grades faculty members will send work home for those students who remain quarantined at home. This work is to be completed at home during this time. Grades faculty members will be on-campus for the students that are eligible to return. Early Childhood faculty will check in with the at home students.

Confirmed Positive COVID test (Isolation at home)

1. All positive COVID tests **for students and for the immediate household members** must be reported to Jeanne Ring at jring@prairiehillwaldorf.org
2. If your student tests positive for COVID, they can return to school **5 days after receiving the positive test results, unless they continue to have symptoms including a fever**. To return to school, students must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms of COVID should be improving*.
3. When the student returns to school, **Masking will be required for 5 additional days (days 6-10)**.

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.*

COVID Testing

With the increased availability of home COVID tests, Prairie Hill will accept home tests for COVID testing with the following caveat; if an adult or child tests negative **AND has symptoms they must go to a testing site**.

Recess/Assembly

1. The Monday morning grade school assembly will be held outdoors unless there is inclement weather.
2. Recess for grades 1-7 will be held outside in a common area.
3. Indoor recess may take place in the gym or the classroom.
4. Indoor recess will be available for grades students who are asked to stay in for missing work or if medically excused from recess.

Music

1. Flutes may be played indoors when students are within their cohorts.

2. Singing may be done indoors.

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
6. In the event of inclement weather, there will be an indoor start for Grades and EC when the “feels-like” temperature for Pewaukee is below zero degrees.

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
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 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.

Festivals Life and School Events

Class Plays

1. Class plays may be outdoors or inside.
2. This year refreshments will not be served at any of the class play performances.

Bridging Ceremony

1. Grade 1 will hold their ceremony outside in the back courtyard. The classroom is right across from 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.

Field Trips

1. Any COVID mitigations that are observed by the field trip venue will be followed by the school participants.

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