

2022-2023 School Year Covid Plan August 2022

Prairie Hill Waldorf School Community,

I would like to acknowledge the parents, faculty and Board of Trustees for taking the necessary steps to align our COVID-19 policy with the state and federal guidelines thus ensuring the successful outcome of our shared goal of having students learn on campus in a safe and healthy environment.

This document was created collaboratively with the faculty, administration and Board of Trustees (BOT) as a working tool to update and review throughout the 2022-2023 school year. **This document is subject to change and can be updated and modified as decided by the Faculty, Administration and BOT.**

This document 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. Any updates will be communicated in the next Wednesday Prairie Hill update. You will also find this document and any updates on the Prairie Hill website www.prairiehillwaldorf.org under parent resources.

Please send feedback to the committee email: phwscovidcommittee@gmail.com

COVID-19 Community level

COVID-19 Community Levels help individuals and communities decide which prevention actions to take based on the latest information. To find out which level your community is in go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Staying Home When Sick or Symptomatic

The CDC continues to recommend that people stay home when sick. Any student or staff member who has symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home.

Prairie Hill has a zero-tolerance policy for illness on campus. If your child displays symptoms of illness at school, they will be sent home. Symptomatic students will need to remain at home until their symptoms are resolved. To lessen the time your child needs to be home, you may choose to do the following:

- have your child PCR tested at a clinic
- have a physician give a written alternative diagnosis

Testing is recommended for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after [symptoms](#) begin. Those who are [at risk for getting very sick](#) with COVID-19 who test positive should consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible treatment, even if their symptoms are mild.

People who are symptomatic and awaiting COVID-19 test results or have tested positive for COVID-19 should follow [CDC's Isolation Guidance](#).

Isolation

People who **have tested positive** should remain home and follow the [CDC's Isolation Guidance](#). Isolation may end based on how serious someone's COVID-19 symptoms are.

- If you had no symptoms, isolation may end after day five (mask must be worn for 5 additional days when returning to school).
- If you had symptoms, isolation may end after day five if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving (mask must be worn for 5 additional days when returning to school).

Quarantine

The CDC recommends that all people with a known or suspected COVID-19 exposure regardless of vaccination status or history of prior COVID-19 infection follow [current CDC exposure recommendations](#).

School policy will include:

- Wearing a [well-fitting mask](#) or respirator for a **full 10-day period** and getting tested at least **5 days** after close contact or sooner if [symptoms](#) develop.
- If at any time the test is positive, the isolation recommendations will be followed.
- If masking is not an option for your family, then the Isolation protocol above applies.

Masks

Masks are not required unless you fall into the quarantine or isolation category. Please honor those that choose to wear a mask.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to a happy and health school year,

Jeanne Ring
Administrator

For the Faculty, Administration and Board of Trustees