



## **School Health and Safety Protocols**

At Culdesac School, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. The following protocols include guidance from the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, and Idaho Public Health.

### **Student Illness and Health Checks** (see attached protocol)

1. Parents will check student's health daily.
2. Students with any of the following symptoms are required to stay home:
  - A. Temperature of 100.4 Degrees or Higher
  - B. Diarrhea or Vomiting
  - C. Multiple Symptoms of COVID-19: Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or Body Aches, Headache, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion or Runny Nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea
3. Parents are requested to notify the school when their child is staying home due to illness. These absences will be excused. Missing work will be provided for students absent due to illness.
4. Students identified with any of the symptoms above while at school will be quarantined and provided a mask. Parents/guardians will be contacted and required to pick-up the student promptly.
5. Students with the symptoms above will be granted reentry when their symptoms have subsided and they remain free of fever for 24 hours. The District reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing their return to school.

### **Hygiene and Cleanliness**

6. Although not required, students may wear personal protective equipment such as masks as provided by the parent/guardian. Students may be required to wear a mask when social distancing cannot be observed and/or a Covid-19 case has been confirmed for their cohort.
7. Hand sanitizer will be available at school entrances, restrooms, cafeterias, next to water bottle filling stations, and all instructional spaces.
8. Culdesac School will create schedules for frequent hand hygiene. All student and staff restrooms are equipped with soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels.
9. Classroom high-touch surfaces and desks will be sanitized frequently throughout the day. Instructional spaces will be provided with an approved disinfectant. The disinfectant is hospital-grade and registered by the EPA for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. All cleaners will be stored properly and inaccessible to students during

instructional hours.

10. Building high-touch surfaces will also be sanitized frequently throughout the day such as railings and door handles, etc.

11. Students will be explicitly taught and reminded to:

A. Cover: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

B. Dispose: Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.

C. Wash Hands: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

D. Hand Sanitizer: Please use hand sanitizer at the installed dispensers.

E. Avoid Touching: Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

12. Classrooms doors will remain open during the day to increase air circulation and limit the need to touch door handles.

13. Building HVAC fans will remain running constantly during school hours to increase air circulation.

14. Water bottle filling stations have been installed in each lobby and school hallway. This will encourage hydration and reduce cross contamination. Suggested student supplies will include refillable water bottles labeled with their name.

15. Annual training for custodians will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

### **Limiting Cross Exposure**

16. Students will be seated with the greatest social distancing possible in each instructional space.

17. Seating arrangements will have students to face the same direction, provide adequate spacing, or use dividers when COVID cases in school require a mask mandate and other additional precautions.

18. To the greatest extent possible, school supplies and learning tools will be unique to each student and stored separately. Shared materials will be disinfected after use.

19. Culdesac School may pursue virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, and special performances.

20. Nonessential volunteers, visitors, guest speakers and other external groups will be limited to virtual contact with students.

21. Priority in student scheduling will include limiting cross exposure. This will include keeping the same cohort of students together whenever possible. Plans will include staggering times in common areas such as passing in hallways and use of playgrounds and cafeterias. Proper hand sanitization will follow use of playground equipment.

22. Visitors or guests of the school will need to contact the school to set up an appointment.

## Transportation

23. To the greatest extent possible, households will be seated together. Seats and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized on busses following each use. Weather-permitting, windows will remain open to increase air circulation.

24. Annual training for bus drivers will include coursework in coronavirus awareness and proper cleaning and sanitization.

## Food Service

25. Whenever possible, scheduling for breakfast and lunch will limit cross exposure by keeping the same cohort of students seated together and distance between groups. Tables and all high-touch surfaces will be sanitized after each use.

## Closures and Communication

26. Should additional closures become necessary, schools will prepare to accommodate methods for remote learning similar as approached last spring.

27. Please ensure your family contact information is kept updated with the school.

Parents/guardians will be kept informed in numerous ways including:

A. Swift Reach: recorded voice messages, texts, and emails

B. School Newsletter

## Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

28. When individuals who are not vaccinated wear masks consistently and correctly they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use is especially important in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

A. Indoors. Mask use is recommended by the CDC for those who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers, and staff. Children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask.

B. Outdoors. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, CDC recommends people who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks when in a crowded outdoor setting or during activities that involve sustained close contact with others who have not been fully vaccinated.

When masks are worn by teachers, staff or students, the masks should meet the CDC Guidelines.

## Plan Review and Evaluation

29. Safety plans and protocols will be reviewed and evaluated in July and November of each year to ensure the safety of students attending Culdesac School.

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