



## **COVID-19 Precautions & School Year Plan 2021-2022**

“Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.” - [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)

### **Precautions**

With a focus on the health and safety of students and staff, we are following official health guidelines by the CDC to ensure our community is protected at all times during this pandemic.

#### **Our programming will continue with these orders in mind:**

- All staff and students will be screened, evaluated, and monitored for illness. Please keep your child at home if they are sick, and get a COVID test. Staff and students will be sent home if they are ill upon arrival; they will be excluded from class if they are experiencing the following symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, runny nose
- All staff will wear masks at all times inside. All fully vaccinated staff will not be required to wear a mask outside unless they are working with students in a close circle.
- Students are required to wear a mask at all times (both indoors and outdoors). Falling in line with our ethos of taking care of ourselves, others, and the environment, teachers will work with students at appropriate times to take off their mask to keep themselves and others safe.
- Handwashing guidance will be given to students, along with basic hygiene procedures like: use of tissues, protecting coughs and sneezes, and proper tissue disposal.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will also be available for use.
- Students will be encouraged to keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth.
- Staff will disinfect frequently touched surfaces using COVID-19 effective cleaners.
- Physical distancing will be practiced whenever possible.
- Programs will take place in small groups.



Worldmind’s philosophy is rooted in the robust evaluation of how each student learns best. We use information from student evaluations to integrate the tools they need to help them grow and excel both personally and academically. We also focus on social and emotional learning and prioritize students’ mental health and well-being.

***In the event that we need to stop holding in-person classes, we are prepared to continue teaching without interruption.***

**Our personalized approach to distance learning includes:**

- Small group lessons every day
- Interactive instruction throughout the school day for math and literacy
- Hands-on STEAM lessons. Students will meet as a group with the teacher in the morning and go over all of the directions, then build on their own and come back together in the afternoon to share their creations.

Whether in-person or through distance learning, we will provide the same authentic, empowering, nurturing, mindful, inclusive curriculum to your children. We are 100% committed to the needs of our families, and ask you to please reach out if you have any questions.

**School Year Plan**

COVID-19 affects people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have 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

Students and staff with any of these symptoms may not return to school until they have been cleared by a doctor and provided a negative COVID test. All students and staff must present a doctor's note and/or negative COVID test in order to return to school.



If students, staff, or a family member tests positive, Worldmind will use the following guidelines:

**What to do if a student, staff or family tests positive for COVID-19**

- For people who have symptoms, we will use the symptom-based strategy. Exclude from school or work until:
  - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery. Recovery is when fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications and respiratory symptoms (like cough or shortness of breath) have improved; and
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- For people who do not have symptoms, we will use the time-based strategy. Exclude from school or work until:
  - 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 test if they have not developed symptoms. If they develop symptoms, then use the symptom-based strategy outlined above.
  - If a student needs to be quarantined and is feeling well, we will use our virtual learning plan to help the student(s) continue learning.

**When can close contacts with someone with COVID-19 return to school or work?**

- People who had close contact with someone with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home from school or work for 14 days since the last day they were in contact with the person who tested positive.
- People in quarantine can contact their primary care provider about getting tested on or after day 7 of their quarantine period if they have had no symptoms. If the test is negative, they may end quarantine early and go back to school or work.

**Above are guidelines from the Department of Health that we will follow.**