

PHOENIX RANCH SCHOOL

2023 Illness Policy

- Upon arrival each day, the staff will conduct a visual inspection of each child for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid/difficulty breathing, fatigue, cough, or runny nose. If a staff member suspects your child may be ill, you will be asked to take your child home.
- Parents are encouraged to conduct their own wellness check at home before coming to camp. If your child appears ill, please keep him/her home, and inform the camp. If your child's symptoms are consistent with Covid-19, please get him/her tested. With a negative test result, your child may return if he/she has been symptom free for 24 hours.
- If a child develops a fever or symptoms while in school, parents will be notified immediately, and the child must be picked up within 30 minutes.
- **Your child must stay home if he/she:**
 - has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher (in order to return, your child must be fever free for 24 hours)
 - has a cough
 - has shortness of breath
 - has a sore throat
 - has a runny nose
 - has a tummy ache
 - vomits, even if just once
 - has even one bout of diarrhea
 - has a rash of any kind
 - is lethargic and not his/her usual self
 - is suspicious of being ill, based on the staff's observations
 - has lost a sense of smell or taste
- If you disagree with the camp's decision to send your child home, you must pick-up your child regardless and may return the following day with a doctor's note clearly stating your child has been seen by the doctor and may safely return to camp without the risk of infecting others.
- If a child is sent home for illness related reasons, he/she must remain home for at least 24 hours, even if symptoms don't appear at home.
- If your child is ill, they must return to camp with a doctor's note and a negative Covid test if requested.
- All children must be up to date on all required vaccines.
- If a child, family member, or staff member is exposed to an individual who tested positive or is suspicious of having COVID-19, the administration must be notified immediately.
- Parents or other adults who are experiencing any symptoms of illness may not enter school grounds.

Face Coverings/Masks

There will be certain situations in which masks may be required. Some of these situations include:

- A cohort on modified quarantine due to an exposure
- A cohort/individual returning from a shortened quarantine (Less than 10 days)
- There may be other situations that we cannot anticipate in which masks will be required.

In cases where an individual is required to wear a mask:

- All staff members must wear an upgraded mask (3-ply surgical mask or respirator)
- All children are encouraged to wear a 3-ply disposable mask with a nose wire as opposed to a cloth mask.

What if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in the camp community?

If a child, family member or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 or is exposed to someone with COVID-19, the administration must be notified immediately. While we have attempted to outline the protocols for various exposure situations below, guidelines have become quite nuanced. Thus, we may create individualized quarantine plans depending on the situation.

Isolation

- If a staff member or student that is 2+ years old tests positive for Covid-19, the individual must isolate.
 - The individual may return after Day 5 if:
 - They are asymptomatic or their symptoms have greatly improved, and they are 24-hour fever free.
 - They take a test on Day 5 or later and are negative
 - They continue to wear a well-fitting medical-grade mask (surgical with nose wire or respirator) when around others at all times (indoors) for days 6-10.
 - If the individual is unable to test or chooses not to test, they may end their isolation after 10 days if they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving, and they are fever free.
 - Please note that per Department of Public Health, we are not allowed to accept children back to school after a shortened 5-day isolation if they are unable to wear a 3-ply mask with a nose wire properly (covering mouth and nose) for the full day. If you child is unable to do so, they will need to isolate for the full 10 days.

Quarantine

The following guidelines dictate quarantine times for various categories. Please note, “exposure” refers to all incidences of exposure, including those indoors or outdoors, with masks or without masks.

- A person who has recovered from lab-confirmed Covid-19 within the last 90 days:
 - No quarantine required.
- A staff member who is boosted OR vaccinated and not yet eligible for a booster
 - No quarantine required if the following criteria are met:
 - Staff member wears an N95 mask for Day 1-5
 - Staff member tests immediately and then again on Days 3 and 5
- A student who is vaccinated and not yet booster eligible:
 - No quarantine required if the following criteria are met:
 - Student wears a well-fitted, non-cloth mask with a nose-wire at all times
 - Student tests immediately and then again on Days 3 and 5
- A staff member or student who is unvaccinated OR vaccinated and booster eligible, but has not received their booster
 - Quarantine required.
 - The individual may return after 5 Days if the following criteria are met:
 - They are asymptomatic
 - They take a test on Day 5 or later and are negative
 - They continue to wear a well-fitting mask (surgical with nose wire or respirator) when around others at all times (indoors and outdoors) for days 6-10.
 - If the student is unable to wear a mask properly for the remaining days, they may return to school after 7 days with proof of a negative test taken on Day 5 or later.
 - If the individual is unable to test or chooses not to test, they may end their quarantine after 10 days if they are asymptomatic.
- **“Test to Stay”** Exception to quarantine rule for an unvaccinated student who is TK or higher:

- The child may be able to remain in camp under modified quarantine if the following conditions are met
 - The exposure took place at camp while supervised by staff
 - The exposed child is asymptomatic
 - The exposure is not a part of a camp outbreak
 - Children who are covered by a modified quarantine order must wear a mask while indoors.
 - There may be some instances in which the child will still have to remain at home. For example, if the child’s class is closed due to a Covid-19 exposure, this leaves the child without a teacher or a class to attend. We will try our best to accommodate your child in another class, but this will be based on availability.
- Per the Department of Public Health, if a member of the school community is exposed to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at home (parent, sibling, child or other person living in the same house), the quarantine period may be longer than 5, 7 or 10 days, unless the infected person is completely isolated during their entire quarantine period and has zero contact with the member of the school community who was initially exposed. Each scenario is different, so the total quarantine time for a particular individual will vary depending on several factors.
- Our action plan, following notice of a positive case in our school community, will be guided by the Department of Public Health. Parents will be notified that there is a positive case, and how we will proceed as a school.

Tuition Policy for Camp Closures

We do not anticipate closing cohorts this summer, due to our “Test to Stay” protocols (see above). However, please note that guidelines may change. Campers who need to quarantine for outside exposures can schedule make-up days, subject to space and availability. No refunds will be given for days missed due to outside exposures or non-participation in the Test to Stay program.

Our Camp reserves the right to dis-enroll any student at any time. We ask that you take our Covid-19 protocols and policies seriously and support us in our efforts to keep the camp as safe and healthy as possible. We must work together!

Covid 19 2023 Camp Plan– Parent Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with The School’s 9 page ‘Covid 19: Return to School Safely Plan’. I have received a copy of the plan via email for my records. I understand that failing to comply may result in expulsion. The plan contains guidance, policies, and procedures in regard to the following:

- **Zero Tolerance Illness Policy**
- **Face Coverings**
- **What if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in the school community?**
- **Tuition Policy**

Child’s Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____