

LOS AMIGUITOS
COVID PROCEDURES

February 2020

At Los Amiguitos, we want to offer your children a space where they will have fun, learn, be engaged, and have social interaction, while adjusting to minimize risks of transmission.

We are keeping up with updates of CDC, WHO, and Health and Human Services Commission guidelines for schools, have taken required related trainings and have been defining and updating strategies to implement at Los Amiguitos.

In order to minimize risks of transmission of COVID19, it is also necessary that parents participate in this reorganization.

Please carefully read the following procedures, then sign at the bottom that you have read them ALL and agree to them.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoors has proven to be safest to reduce risks of Covid transmission. Los Amiguitos is a nature based education school, therefore we have always spent a good portion of our days outside. We now are outdoors all the time, enjoying what nature has to offer, except for rare inclement weather.

- In case of inclement weather we will be using the classroom.
Distance will be maintained as much as possible, and masks will be worn.
We will maintain doors and windows open unless heavy rain or wind are entering the classroom.
Surfaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected, and -as with outdoors- hand washing frequent.
A snugly fit multi layer mask (no valve) with a nose wire and a filter or double masking is required for indoor use.

- If you do not want your child to be indoors with others, you may opt for keeping your child home or picking him/her up when there is inclement weather.

USE OF MASK

Use of correctly worn masks has proven efficient to lower risks of contamination. Amiguitos children and staff are required to use a mask that fits snugly over their nose and mouth whenever distance cannot be maintained.

This means children aren't wearing masks all day long, and can also enjoy being in closer proximity outdoors while wearing a mask on, as both are important.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

- Always put on your mask and sanitize your hands and your child's hands right before entering school premises (make sure to have masks and hand sanitizer in your car).
- Only Amiguitos children and staff are allowed in the classroom.
- Please inform teachers in writing (text or email is ok) if someone other than a parent will be picking up the child.
- Parents need to be available for any emergency pick up at all times. If anyone other than parents can do emergency pick ups, please inform the teachers in writing (email or on the enrollment form).

HEALTH SCREENING AND ACTIONS IN CASE THERE ARE SYMPTOMS

1. Health screening needs to be done daily. It applies to children, staff, parents and people with legal authority coming to the school (such as licensing inspector)
 - Temperature checks must be performed by parents each day before dropping off your child. A child or staff must not have a fever above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Check for any symptoms that could be related to Covid (Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Muscle pain, Headache, congestion)

and runny nose, fatigue, Sore throat, nausea and vomiting, Diarrhea or stomach pain, repeated shaking with chills, Loss of taste or smell). If such symptoms are present, please keep your child at home and monitor. If they persist or worsen, keep your child home and consider getting tested.

2. Children or staff will not be admitted if they
 - have a fever above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Present new or worsening symptoms of Covid
 - Have been tested positive
3. If children or staff have been in close contact with someone presenting symptoms of Covid but are not currently presenting symptoms, they need to closely monitor their health for the above symptoms during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the individual suspected with COVID-19 and get tested.
4. If children or staff have been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case, a 14 day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure is required.
5. In case of a staff member who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery
 - And the individual has improvement in covid symptoms
 - And at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
6. We require immediate pick up (within 20 minutes) if a child gets sick while at school. He/she will be asked to wear a mask (if indoors) and isolated and until picked up. We will follow CDC guidelines on how to disinfect areas where a sick child or staff has had access.
7. If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member, the school will:
 - a. Contact the local health authority to report the presence of COVID-19 in our facility.
 - b. Contact Child Care Licensing to report the presence of COVID-19 in our facility.
 - c. Contact our families and notify them of the circumstances surrounding the positive case and how it is being handled, while maintaining patient confidentiality.

- d. Clean and disinfect all indoor areas used by the person who is sick, if applicable.
- e. If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
- f. Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

MONITORING THE SITUATION

We are closely monitoring the ongoing evolution in regard to COVID-19, and will be updating the procedures as we get more information.

Please make sure to check your emails, as these updates are very important.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

At Los Amiguitos, we want to offer your children a space where they will have fun, learn, be engaged, and have social interaction, while adjusting to minimize risks of transmission.

Offering the right support for their emotional wellbeing in these times is crucial. We are receiving training in understanding trauma and building resiliency. We will also continue our mindfulness and yoga practice and be available for your child's needs.

Please always keep us posted (email preferably) about any changes in your child's emotions, so we are aware and can be on the same page.

FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Outside of school, it is important that all children and staff families follow the CDC guidelines, and take extra precautions as this affects us all (ex; wearing masks, maintaining distance, preferring outdoors, washing hands, etc.).

Thank you for trusting us and for helping keep everyone as safe as possible in these times while allowing children to meet their needs.

We, _____ and _____, parents of _____, have carefully read all of the above procedure points and agree to abide by them.

Date: _____

Signature : _____

Signature: _____