

LOS AMIGUITOS
COVID PROCEDURES

June 2021

We are keeping up with updates of CDC, WHO, and Health and Human Services Commission guidelines for schools, have taken required related training 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.

This update takes into account that the vast majority of adults of Amiguitos are fully or almost fully vaccinated, the small number of families, and the current Covid cases in Austin.

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

RIGHT BEFORE LEAVING HOME - DAILY-

- Take your child's temperature and text it to us. Also let us know if your child or anyone close has presented any symptoms of COVID or has tested positive. We WON'T accept children who haven't sent this information and won't be doing it at school. *
- Have your child use the bathroom (to minimize him/her using the one at school). Make sure they have clothes and shoes they can put on/take off independently.
- If needed, put sunscreen/bug repellent on. Please let us know if your child is sensitive to mosquitoes and needs reapplication during the mornings. If we are in the sun later in the morning we will reapply sunscreen.

** Symptoms of COVID 19 include but are not limited to:*

Cough - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing - Chills - Repeated shaking with chills - Muscle pain - Headache - Sore throat - Congestion and runny nose - fatigue - Loss of taste or smell - Diarrhea and/or stomach pain - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit

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 or fire 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 - unless they are fully vaccinated.
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 - unless they are fully vaccinated.

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 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.

USE OF MASK/SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Outdoors: Fully vaccinated people don't need to wear a mask. For others, masks are strongly encouraged when social distance isn't maintained for a prolonged time (10-15 minutes).

- Snugly fit masks are strongly encouraged inside the classroom for unvaccinated people.

SCHOOL VISITS

School visits are possible again though need to be coordinated and authorized.

USE OF INDOOR SPACE

We will still be spending most of our time outdoors.

When using the classroom:

- Unvaccinated people are strongly encouraged to wear a snugly fit multi layer mask (no valve) with a nose wire.
- doors and windows will be open as much as possible.
- In the rare advent that the weather doesn't permit us to eat outdoors, we will maintain distance indoors and open the doors and windows.

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.

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.

>>>> Please ensure anyone picking up/dropping off your child is aware and will follow these procedures. <<<<

FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Outside of school, it is important that all children and staff families follow the CDC guidelines at the minimum, and take extra precautions as this affects us all.

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 : _____

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