

COVID-19

Overall

At Fiddlehead, we will strive to do our best to keep a small community (bubble) so we can continue to offer in person learning throughout this academic year. We ask that each family does their best to keep their outside bubble small and that you practice social distancing with others. We ask that you wear your mask when you are away from your home and around others. We ask that you communicate with us if you, your child, or anyone in your family has been in contact with a COVID positive person or anyone with a fever, a cough, new loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath or someone who is experiencing two or more of the following symptoms; fatigue, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea.

In Class Procedures

At school, we will teach the children how to socially distance and keep clean hands and work areas. The students will be required to wash or sanitize their hands after entering and before exiting a building, before and after working on a lesson and before and after eating. If students assist with laundry or trash, they will wash their hands before and after helping. Teachers will sanitize all learning areas and materials and place it back on the shelf. Students will choose an area to work (table or floor) and use the same work rug and sitting mat each week. Work rugs and sitting mats will be sanitized. Teachers will sanitize the backs of chairs, faucets, and door knobs twice daily or as needed.

Students will all have their personal items this year. We will not have a community shelf this year.

Students and staff will be required to wear a face mask while indoors and outdoors. We understand that breaks from face masks will be needed and students can go outside, one at a time, to take off their face mask and rest. Students will be allowed to go outside and take off their mask to work in the tented area, as long as they can socially distance.

Lunch is eaten on their own personal towel and at least 6 feet away from other students. Students will eat outside, with limited inside seating only in inclement weather. Teachers will sanitize eating areas.

Field Trips

Field trips and going outs will be limited. We will mostly plan walking field trips. If we get the chance to go on our "normal" field trips, parents will be required to drive their own child.

Parent Communication

Parent meetings and conferences will be on Zoom, unless otherwise notified. As of now, school potlucks and gatherings will be canceled.

Travel and Outside Visitors

If your family or anyone in your household travels outside Washington state, we will ask you to quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. If a visitor from outside Washington state stays in your home (without a previous 14 day quarantine in-state) we will ask that the Fiddlehead student quarantines for 14 days.

Illness in the Classroom

If a student feels ill and presents with two or more COVID like symptoms, you will be notified and instructed to pick up your child. Your child will be waiting for you in the yellow school house. If they continue to have symptoms, please go get your child tested and report results to the Director.

Exposures

If the Fiddlehead student comes in contact with a person who tests positive for COVID they are required to quarantine for a full 14 days. If someone in your household (other than the student) is exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID, we ask that the Fiddlehead student remains at home until the exposed individual receives a test 8 days after the exposure. With a negative result, the child can return to school.

In order to keep our community safe we are keeping a log of possible exposures. In the case of an exposure we will be sending home a questionnaire in order to help us gauge what and how much information to share with our school community.

Positive Cases in the Classroom

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, Fiddlehead will be **closed for at least 14 days**. If needed, Fiddlehead could be closed longer. During this time, the school and all materials will be sanitized. Distance Learning will be initiated as soon as possible assuming teachers are healthy to do so. Before resuming instruction ALL students and staff will be required to get a negative COVID test result.

As a school, we are required by law to report the presence of any communicable disease to support the health of our community. The student will be welcomed back following a negative test result (and no symptoms) per Skagit County Health Department guidelines.

Communicating Positive Exposures

If there is an exposure reported in our community, the Director will notify Fiddlehead families as soon as possible. If time allows, you will be notified via Seesaw the night before. If it is the morning of, you will be sent a Seesaw and a text message with the details available. If we are notified at drop off, a teacher will approach your car and ask you to step outside to talk in private while the child(ren) remains in the car. If we are notified during a school day, you will be called with details.

During your Quarantine

In the unfortunate event that your student needs to quarantine at home the teachers at Fiddlehead will supply your child with assignments that can be done at your discretion.

We are following recommendations from our governor, The Skagit County Health Department, CDC guidelines and OSPI. See attached links for references.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirusdriveup.htm>