

LEAD

COVID SAFETY POLICY

August 2022

Masks are required for everyone (above the age of 2) while inside the building. Although masks for fully vaccinated staff and students (12 and over) are optional per CDC guidance, out of an abundance of caution, masks will be required at all times in all buildings.

Masks must be worn over both nose and mouth.

Staff, parents, or students that present with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home away from others and seek care from their healthcare provider.

Symptoms Of Covid May Include:

- Fever in the last 72 hours
- Chills or Shaking
- 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 must not come to classes if they exhibit these symptoms.

Any persons exhibiting these symptoms will be denied entry, and/or asked to leave the premises.

Teachers are welcome to add layers of protection within the confines of their class/classroom (e.g. temperature checks at the door), but may not remove layers LEAD establishes (e.g. mask-wearing indoors) without prior approval from the LEAD board.

Any person who has COVID-19 or had a positive rapid/antigen COVID-19 test, may not return to the premises or community events for 10 days and must also test negative on a rapid/antigen test.

Any food must be consumed outside, and those eating shall maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other people. Food should not be shared with anyone outside of your own household.

Masks are optional for outdoor activities. LEAD encourages in-person classes to meet outside as much as practical.

We're taking these steps to mitigate risk and reduce transmission (which can occur even among vaccinated people).

These protocols are subject to change as needed, and in accordance with CDC guidelines as well as recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). LEAD will review effective methods to identify students and staff who are vaccinated and will re-evaluate optional mask wearing when circumstances permit. Parents are strongly encouraged to consult with their health care provider for the best vaccine options for their family.

LEAD reserves the right to convert to online/remote learning if necessary to protect the health of our stakeholders. All Instructors and students should be prepared to use Zoom (or similar remote platform) as a backup plan in case the situation warrants it.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) updated guidance as of 7/9/21 recommends schools continue to use the current COVID-19 prevention strategies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Key CDC recommended prevention strategies that are essential to the safe delivery of in-person instruction and to help prevent COVID-19 transmission in schools include:

1. Universal and correct use of masks.
2. Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities.
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.
6. Watching out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested, stay home, and away from others.
7. Getting vaccinated.