



Apple Blossom Waldorf School & Family Center

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR COVID-19 POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Dear Parents,

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As we prepare for the 2022-23 School Year at Apple Blossom Waldorf School and Family Center, we have adjusted our procedures to reflect the State of Connecticut and CDC guidelines. ***Please know these guidelines are subject to change as State regulations change. Your child's enrollment is contingent upon following our most up to date school policies and procedures.***

We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we navigate these rapidly changing times. Recommendations and guidelines at the national, state and local level are frequently changing. We will continue to monitor updates and adjust our policies and procedures as necessary. We will make every effort to communicate these changes in a timely manner to the community.

It takes a village to proceed safely, and we must work together with respect. We ask that you make sure that you and your child are healthy and symptom free before coming to Apple Blossom Waldorf School to keep our community healthy and help limit the spread of Covid-19.

In case of illness

Covid-19 is a reportable disease. If you or a family member is diagnosed, please inform the school office and your child's teacher immediately and do not send the child to school. If a member of your household tests positive for the Covid-19 virus or your family comes in direct, prolonged contact with an individual that is known to be actively ill with Covid-19, we request that any enrolled child and their family follow current CDC guidelines and stay home for at least 10 days **after exposure** based on the time it takes to develop illness if they are not vaccinated. **Staff who**

are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 **unless they have symptoms**. However, fully vaccinated staff will be required to get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Apple Blossoms may need to implement short-term closure procedures regardless of community spread **if an infected person has been in the school building**. If this happens, Apple Blossom Waldorf School will follow current CDC guidelines and alert local health officials. These officials will help the Board determine a course of action for the school. All students and most staff may be dismissed for a period of 2-5 days. All members of the community will be contacted within 24 hours of confirmed potential exposure.

During this short-term dismissal Apple Blossom Waldorf School will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly. Efforts will be made to increase air circulation to any enclosed areas where the potential for virus spread may have occurred. Prior to reopening, all areas used by the ill person, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected.

In the event an enrolled child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 The length of time the child or staff person should stay home depends on whether the child/staff has COVID-19 or another illness. In most instances, those who have COVID-19 can return after:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

A child or staff person who tests positive for COVID-19 but does not have symptoms can be around others 10 days after their first positive COVID-19 test.

If a child shows any symptoms of illness during the day (i.e. fever, vomiting, diarrhea, sudden onset or spreading of rash) the parent or caregiver will be called to pick up the child immediately. While awaiting pick up, the child will be escorted and continuously supervised by a staff member in our business office. State and local guidelines for cleaning and ventilation of the sick room after each use will be strictly followed.

Should your child be absent for any reason, please contact their lead teacher and the administrator via email and/or phone call. It is important for the staff to be aware of illness of any kind beginning on the first day of absence.

[Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines](#)

[Current Mask Policy](#)