

## **THE NEW SCHOOL – WEST COVID-19 COMMUNITY AGREEMENT**

As a school community of parents, teachers, and children, our top priorities are the physical health and emotional well-being of our community members. We are dedicated to providing a safe, healthy, creative environment in which we can all learn and grow. When we return to school, practices will be modified to align with mandates and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, L.A. Department of Health, and the Department of Social Services. We are also obligated to conform to the Department of Social Services' Child Care Licensing regulations. We deeply honor our New School-West culture, which values being a part of a loving community that respects and takes seriously the consideration for and care of others. We are grateful for your partnering with us to meet this challenge together.

Outlined below are everyday preventative measures established by The New School - West for teachers, children and families, which align with the Center for Disease and Control (CDC) and California Childcare Licensing Division. Outlined below are everyday preventative measures established by The New School - West for teachers, children and families, which align with the Center for Disease and Control (CDC) and California Childcare Licensing Division as of this date of July 12, 2020. Please note that these measures will be updated and posted to you as we are informed of any mandated changes and requirements.

Please read each statement below and sign at the bottom.

1. I understand that during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency I will NOT be permitted to enter the school beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area. I will use the designated entrance for drop off and pick up. Only one adult will be present with the child at drop off and pick up. Both my child and I will wear masks while dropping off and picking up. I will practice physical distancing and remain 6 feet from all other people, except for my own child. I understand that transitions between drop off and pickup will need to be kept as brief as possible. I understand that this procedure change is for the safety of all persons present in the facility and to limit risk of exposure.

2. I understand that if there is an emergency requiring me to enter the school beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area, I must wear a mask and wash my hands immediately upon entering. While in the school I must practice physical distancing and remain 6 feet from all other people, except for my own child.

3. I understand that to enter the school my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. I will screen myself and my child daily, prior to arriving at NSW. Symptoms include:

- fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- dry cough
- shortness of breath
- chills
- loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- diarrhea
- vomiting

I understand that my child will need to be symptom free without any medications for 72 hours before returning to school. While I understand that many of these symptoms can also be related to non-COVID-19 related issues, I will proceed with an abundance of caution during this Public Health Emergency. These symptoms typically appear 2-7 days after being infected so I will take them seriously.

4. I understand and agree that I must notify NSW if my child has taken any fever-reducing medication in the prior 24 hours.

5. I understand that my child's temperature will be taken every morning at drop off. Staff and children will be monitored throughout the day for any signs of possible illness and temperature will be taken again if needed while at school. I understand and agree that if any of the above symptoms or a fever appear, my child will be separated from the general group. I will be notified by NSW and my child MUST be picked up from school.

6. I understand that my child will be required to wash their hands frequently throughout the day using warm running water and rubbing with soap for at least 20 seconds. Handwashing will occur: before and after eating, after activities that involve sharing supplies, after coughing and sneezing, after playing outside and after using the restroom. I also understand that there are designated times during the day when the teachers will be cleaning the bathrooms, classrooms, and any equipment and materials that are used by the children as part of their daily routine.

7. I understand that I need to provide a face mask for my child to wear at school. It must be worn at drop off and pick up. I understand that children may not be wearing masks at all times. Teachers will be setting up environments to support physical distancing and will support children with masks when needed. The CDC suggests that children over two years old wear a mask when six foot distancing is not possible. I understand that teachers will be wearing masks at all times.

8. I understand that outside of school, in order to control my child's exposure in the community, I will comply with any and all state, county and local stay-at-home orders. Our family will practice all recommended physical distancing and exposure-limiting practices recommended by the CDC, including wearing a mask in all public areas, avoiding large gatherings and remaining six feet from other people. I understand that the CDC discourages non-essential travel that may increase risk of exposure. I also understand that travel to certain areas may require self-quarantining for a period before returning to school.

9. I will immediately notify NSW if anyone in our household tests positive for COVID-19. I will keep my child home until test results come in if anyone in our household is exhibiting potential symptoms of COVID-19 or if anyone we have been in recent direct contact with tests positive

10. I understand that if a child in my pod or member of their household tests positive for Covid-19, my child's pod will be required to stay home for 14 days. Online class will be offered for that pod on weekdays. I also understand that in the case of a pod or school closure, the teachers will move into our remote learning format and that I am committing to honor my financial agreements with NSW.

11. I understand that while present at school each day my child will be in contact with children, families and NSW employees who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines or practices will remove 100% of the risk of exposure to COVID-19, as the virus can be transmitted by persons who are asymptomatic and before some people show signs of infection. I understand that I play a crucial role in keeping everyone in the NSW community safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined here.

I agree to comply with the practices listed above. I understand and acknowledge that failure to act in accordance with these practices may result in termination of my enrollment contract. I also acknowledge that my enrollment contract may be terminated if NSW determines that my actions, or lack of action, unnecessarily expose an employee, child, or their family member to COVID-19.

This must be signed by all parents/guardians of children attending The New School - West.

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*Child's Name*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Printed Name*

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*Date Signed*

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