Covid-19 Action Plan

At International School for Peace, we understand that families are entrusting us with not only the education and socialization of their children, but also with their health, safety, and well-being. Our administration, teachers, staff, and families are doing our part to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our campus. Below is a list of what we are doing in the best interest of the community as a whole. International School for Peace will continue to monitor the current pandemic situation and make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:

- Employ Jan Pro, our long-time professional cleaning service, who will clean our campus each evening M-F. They may utilize Med-Metrix, a hospital grade method of disinfecting, and Enviro shield, a spray method of application. A binder of their cleaning protocol and cleaners used is available upon request. Their same employee will clean our campus each evening while wearing coveralls, gloves, and a mask while on our campus.
- Ensure that all campus visitors are masked.
- Establish separate entry and exit points to the school to encourage directional traffic and decrease crowding.
- Support staggered drop off time while continue to closely monitor to make changes, if needed.
- Administer daily verbal health checks and temperature checks using non– contact temporal thermometers before permitting students/teachers/staff onto campus. Persons with a fever of 100.4F or above, or who exhibit other signs of illness, will not be admitted to the facility. Staff will wear gloves while taking student temperatures.
- Apply ground markers to aid in physical distancing.
- Use sneeze guards
- Request that all students 3, 4 and 5 years of age wear a mask while on campus and encourage those younger.
- Post visuals to model effective handwashing techniques.
- Hand sanitizer stations are set up around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff.
- No-contact soap dispensers will be available at indoor handwashing stations.

What Staff is Doing:

- Check own temperatures and wash hands upon arrival.
- Promote, demonstrate, and reinforce healthy hygiene habits.
- Model and reinforce effective handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before/after eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day or as necessary.
- Wash own hands hourly.
- Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers, as well as during meal times.
- Wear a mask at all times.
- Store a spare set of clothing on campus for personal use if needed.
- Educate, support, and encourage all children to wear a mask. This includes teaching children to put on and remove masks during eating and nap times.
- Request all students wear a mask for the duration of the school day, including in outdoor environments and when traveling into another (area i.e. using the bathroom).
- Keep separate all outer clothing, water bottles, and lunches.

What Families are Doing:

- Disclose to ISP director any possible contact with or exposure to COVID-19.
 Thereafter, ISP will formulate a plan for your child returning to school.
- *Contact the director should your child or any household members need to travel out of state or internationally.
- Strive to have same adult pick up and drop off your child every day.
- Practice physical distancing by remaining 6 feet apart outside classrooms and adhere to ground markers.
- Limit your time on the campus to pick up and drop off. Please arrive no later than 9:15 to drop off your child. If you anticipate arriving later than 9:15, please call the preschool office.
- Adhere to established entry and exit points.
- Leave your child's backpack outside the classroom.
- Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing (appropriate for the season) in their cubby at all times.
- *All children are encouraged to arrive to school wearing a mask. All students will have a mask and labelled container at school. Staff will encourage younger students to wear their mask throughout the day.

*The CDC continues to discourage non-essential travel. The current CDC guidelines for **not vaccinated** people recommend that if you must travel within the U.S., get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip and await the results before traveling. Get tested again with a viral test 3-5 days after your trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

*CDC recommendations for international travel vary based on destination. All people returning to the U.S. need to be tested.

* The CDC continues to discourage non-essential travel. The CDC considers someone fully vaccinated two weeks after they receive the last dose of vaccine. **Vaccinated** individuals will no longer need to get tested before or after travel unless their destination requires it, and do not need to self-quarantine upon return.

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What Administration is Doing:

- Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time.
- Reduce our class sizes.
- Ensure substitute teachers are available.
- Limit staff meetings to no more than 10 people.
- Educate our community:
 - Post signs to demonstrate proper handwashing.
 - Post signs to remind our community members to social distance.
 - Share community resources for assistance during Covid-19.
 - Make available current parent resources for helping children understand this pandemic.
 - Provide information to educate the community on the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Continue to implement regular changing of air filters in all campus buildings.
- Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, clothes coverings, and gloves are available at all times.
- Establish an emergency plan should a staff member or student display Covid-like symptoms during school hours. Those determined to be ill will immediately be isolated from others.
- Contact PCHD to report suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19. Director will notify the ISP community of the possibility of exposure to the virus while maintaining the confidentiality of the individual and their family.
- Reserve the right to make decisions at their own discretion for the health and safety of everyone which may include temporarily closing of the school, a classroom, or extended day program. Length of closure to be determined by ISP Advisory Board and the recommendations of the CDC, federal and local governments, and the Arizona Department of Health, Division of Child Care Licensing. All refunds are at the discretion of the director.

What Teachers are Doing:

- Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a playbased philosophy.
- Offer an adequate number of materials and supplies which are changed out frequently.
- Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing.
- Sign children in and out each day to promote physical distancing among adults.
- Ensure your class not mix during our full and half day programs to include outdoor play, with the exception of nap and extended day programs.
- Separate toys that have been placed in a child's mouth. Toys will be cleaned and disinfected before available for play.
- Discontinue the use of soft toys.
- Ensure availability of face masks, tissues, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and family emergency contact information.
- Place nap mats will as much as space possible and students will be positioned head to toe. Children's bedding will be stored in individually labelled bins. Sheets will be laundered once a week or more often, if needed.
- Promote small groups by discontinuing in-class visits and volunteers to the classroom.
- Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as possible.

What Families are Doing:

- Support our commitment to having your child wear a mask while on campus.
- Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms.
- Ensure to have a backup childcare plan in place should ISP need to temporarily close the campus, a classroom, or extended day program.
- Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer
- Please keep your child home if they are feeling ill, have a temperature, or are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 which may include but are not limited to the following:

Fever or chills Cough
Fatigue Headache
Sore throat Diarrhea

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Muscle or body aches New loss of taste or smell Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting

- Contact the preschool if your child is sick or if she/he is not coming to school for any reason.
- Commit to keeping your child home until they are fever free without the use of a fever reducer and/or symptom free for 72 hours. A doctor's note may be required.
- Refrain from bringing your child's personal bedding for nap time.
- Understand personal items that support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, selfregulate, or calm down are considered essential.
 Please speak with the director to establish a protocol for the use of these items.
- Use resources available to you on the preschool campus; we are here to support you in helping your child understand coronavirus.
- Please have your own pen on hand to use if needed.
- Commit to staying abreast of school communication.