Covid-19 Health and Safety

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, and staff 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:	What Teachers are Doing:	What Families are Doing:
 ing toys, throughout the school day. Documentation of routine cleanings is available in the preschool office. Administer daily temperature checks 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. Purchase and use non-contact temporal thermometers for checking temperatures. Staff will wear gloves while taking student temperatures. Verbal health checks upon arrival for all staff, students, and families. Administrators will wash their hands hourly. Establish separate entry and exit points to the school to encourage directional traffic and decrease crowding. Reduce our class sizes. Ensure substitute teachers are ready and available to support the program. Educate our community: Post signs to remind our community members to social distance. Share community resources for suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19. Make available current parent resources for helping children understand this pandemic. 	 Promote, demonstrate, and teach regular handwashing and hygiene behaviors. Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. Offer an adequate number of material and supplies which are changed out frequently. Discontinue the use of soft toys. Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing. Teachers will sign children in and out each day to promote physical distancing among adults. Enforce and model handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day or as necessary. Teachers will wash their hands hourly. Following recommendations from the CDC and PCHD as well as the emergency proclamation signed by Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, all teachers shall wear face masks with clear windows to allow for social, emotional, and linguistic communication. 	 Immediately disclose to ISP director possible contact with or exposure to COVID-19 (PCHD recommends all household members exposed to or diagnosed with Covid 19 stay home to isolate for 14 days). Thereafter, ISP will formulate a plan for your child returning to school. Ideally, the same adult will pick up and drop off your child every day. *Contact the office if your child or house members travel by air, or travel outside the state and have physical contact with out of state family/friends. We will require you to keep your child away from school for 7 school days and recommend you isolate at home. *When anyone in your household returns from international travel, we require you to keep your child at home for 14 days and recommend that you isolate at home. 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 home toys at home. If it is necessary for your child to bring a backpack to school, it should be left outside the classroom. Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing (appropriate for the season) in their cubby at all times. Please be sure that we have a current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. 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

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What Administration is Doing:

- During school hours, students or staff exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will undergo a health check. Those determined to be ill will immediately be isolated from others. An isolation room or area is available to isolate the child or staff from the group.
- Jan Pro, our long-time professional cleaning service 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 sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, and gloves available at all times.
- Establish a plan to address should a staff member or student display Covid-like symptoms during school hours.
- *Director will 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.
- Although we are utilizing staggered drop off time measures, director will be closely monitoring and may implement a more scheduled staggered pick-up and drop-off time.
- Pens for sign-in and sign-out are sanitized between uses.
- In person staff meetings are limited to no more than 10 people and physical distancing requirements are maintained.
- Reserve the right to make decisions at our 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.

What Teachers are Doing:

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- Classes will remain together and will not mix during our full and half day programs to include outdoor play, with the exception of nap and extended day programs.
- Immediately separate toys that have been placed in a child's mouth. Toys will be cleaned and disinfected before available for play.

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- During nap time, mats will be spaced as much as 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 family class visits and volunteers to the classroom for the time being.
- Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible.
- Teachers will check their temperatures daily before entering the campus.
- Teachers will wash their hands first thing upon entering the campus.
- Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers, as well as during meal times.
- Offer virtual Family-Teacher Conferences and back to school nights to limit the number of visitors on campus.

What Families are Doing:

- Following recommendations from the CDC and mandated by Pima County Health Department and Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, all adults and children over the age of 6 admitted to the campus shall wear a mask or face covering to cover their mouth and nose.
- 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 chillsCoughFatigueHeadacheSore throatDiarrheaShortness of breath or difficulty breathingMuscle or body achesNew loss of taste or smellCongestion or runny numberNausea or vomiting

- Students who stay home or are sent home from school due to illness will remain home from school until they are fever free without the use of a fever reducer and symptom free for 72 hours. A doctor's note may be required.
- Practice physical distancing by remaining 6 feet apart outside classrooms and adhere to ground markers.
- ISP discourages the use of personal bedding for nap time.
- Personal items that support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, self-regulate, or calm down are considered essential. Please speak with the director to establish a protocol for the use of these items.
- Ensure that your emergency contact information is always current.
- Please call the preschool if your child is sick or if she/he is not coming to school for any reason.
- Make use of 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.

*Updated 10/1/20. Covid-19 Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols are updated regularly and as necessary. Please be diligent about keeping abreast of new information.