



November 2021 Newsletter

Greetings ISP Families,

It's hard to believe that we are entering the month of November. In these continued uncertain times, International School for Peace strives to provide a consistent, nurturing, and predictable environment for our students to thrive in and their families to feel secure about their childcare choice. Now more than ever, transitions can be challenging for children. Best practices tell us that providing children with positive routines, setting clear boundaries, offering additional emotional support, and helping children identify their feelings during these challenging times can help with smoother transitions. Our children may need extra support from time to time and families may need new ideas and guidance to address these needs, so please let us know how we can help you.

One more time.....thank you for keeping your sick children at home! Every day, I receive new information and suggested practices to help mitigate the virus at our preschool. For our most updated plan, please refer to our website or the resource notebook located outside the preschool office. Good communication is more essential than ever so let's keep talking about further ways to keep our community safe and healthy.

During this month, classes will focus on giving. We will be holding a Food Drive (November 8 – 19) to benefit Saint Francis Food Pantry. Please consider helping your child give a nonperishable food item(s) in the decorated collection boxes found outside our classrooms. A list of needed items can be found in this newsletter. Later in the month, one child from each class and I will load up our wagon and deliver your donations to the Saint Francis kitchen located

on our campus. Those donations will be distributed by Saint Francis to needy families in Tucson. Thank you ahead of time for helping with this endeavor.

The topic of holidays is an important issue that seems to come on fast and furious. Our staff at ISP recognizes that although traditions may look a bit different again this year but should still part of our children's world and ignoring them would not be child-centered. Rather than taking part in commercialized activities, our staff would like to focus on your "family traditions" to further develop an appreciation of cultural diversity. Do you have a special book you read, song you sing, stories you share, traditional dress you wear, food you enjoy, or family activities that are special for you? We would love you to share them with us! If you are interested in sharing a family tradition or teaching us about your culture, please contact your teacher.

I hope these holidays are filled with family, friends, good food, and fun!

Cathy

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." —Booker T. Washington



Mission Statement

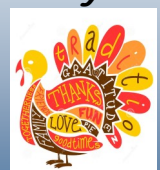
International School for Peace promotes peace within the individual, the community, and the world by immersing children in languages and multicultural experiences through play-based, anti-bias curriculum that celebrates diversity.

Reminder: There is no School

Thursday November 11th: Veteran's Day

Wednesday November 24th:
Teacher Inservice

November 25th-26th: Happy Thanksgiving!





A Special **THANK YOU**
to everyone who supported our
Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

We hope you
enjoy your delicious cookies!



We raised over \$1000!



***ISP still has 50**

**boxes of cookies to sell! Drop by the
office to purchase another box today!**



Community Directory

You should have
received a student
directory in your
email mid-October.
Contact the office if
you did not get one!

Many Heartfelt Thanks to...

- Marielle Cenicerros for taking out our recycling.
- Smith Family for donating shaving cream & pumpkins.
- Siria Esquivel for donating a play kitchen.
- Laura Katterhenry for getting bagels for the whole staff.
- Fadi Iskandar for going to Pima County Health Department multiple times to get supplies.
- Ashley Femrite for bringing bagels & cake pops for the staff.
- Nick Thomas for landscaping our campus, taking down a sign, fixing a play kitchen, stabilizing our outdoor sink & repairing the wall and painting it!
- Jane Pesqueira for donating puzzles and kitchen items.
- Manal Kareem for going to Costco for us.
- Fleury Ndayizeye for raking & sprucing up our front area.
- Keller Family for treats for the staff & donating a seesaw.
- Laura Aldag for the monetary donation.
- Mina Perkins & family for the beautiful cupcakes.



Online shopping starts
November 8

In-person shopping
starts *November 15*



Staff Wishlist's
will be
available

Virtual Book Fair



International
School for Peace

November 8-19, 2021

Shop Online

isp.connectwithbooks.com

Questions?

Contact Melissa Miller

melissa@ReadMoreUsborne.com

520.603.3465

call/text

Ask me
for
details!

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Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to ISP general fund.

November Cultural Holidays

American Indian Heritage Month

Dia de los Muertos:

October 31—November 2

Diwali Hindu: November 4

Bandi Chhor-Diwas Sikh:

November 4

International Day for Tolerance

November 16

World Kindness Day: November 13

Transgender Day of Remembrance:

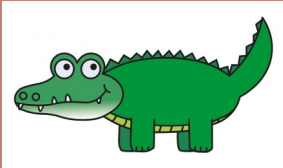
November 20

Day of the Covenant Bahá'í:

November 24

ISP sends good wishes to

Oskar B. & Ms. Nooshin



See you later, Alligator!

Attention!!



ISP is a

PEANUT & TREE NUT-FREE ZONE

Common nuts include Almonds, Cashews, Pistachios, Hazelnuts (Nutella), Pecans, Walnuts, and Pine Nuts (pesto).

Please be aware of what is in your child's lunch so we can keep our campus safe for every one of our students.

Thank you!



Ms. Natalie's Class

Jack T

Please see information
in Directory

Zoe W

**Please add to
your Directory**

Ana Santiago

ISP Program Assistant

Pam Talero

ISP Advisory Board



We hope everyone takes advantage of the hand sanitizer station at pick-up. It is located outside the preschool gate.

Thank you!



“ISP Gives”

Holiday Service Project November 8th—19th



As we head into the holidays, International School for Peace will be sponsoring a holiday service project. We will collect *food* for the St. Francis Food Pantry. From November 8th—19th, please help us by having your child place items in the boxes found outside their classroom.

Thank you for participating in our holiday food drive!

Foods such as:

- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy Mix
- Canned Yams
- Potatoes
- Canned Pears
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Fruit Cocktail



- Canned Ham
- Rolls (mix or bags)
- Pie Crust mix
- Graham Cracker crusts
- Pie Filling
- Crackers
- Cheese Spreads

ISP Recommends


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Precare with Ms. Siria

Hello Parents!

This month will be celebrating our themes of the month are Giving, Corn, Holidays and Traditions.

Precare is a busy time. Children have the opportunity to socialize with children from other classes. There are always plenty of activities which include art, prewriting tasks, story time, building, and dramatic play.

I appreciate your hard work encouraging your child to wear a face mask. Our precare group is doing very well wearing their masks. Also, thank you for helping me keep backpack outside the precare classroom.

One of the first tasks once inside the classroom entering is to wash hands. Children are all into that routine and handwashing well. Don't forget to send an extra face mask if needed for your child.

Don't hesitate if you need to communicate with me this is my email address siriaesq@gmail.com.

Thank you all!
Siria Esquivel



Aftercare with Ms. Ashley, Ms. Tiffany & Ms. Natalie

Hello Dear Families,

It is time to be thankful! We want to go ahead and thank all of you for your support and for the time we are able to spend with your precious ones.

November is a beautiful month. We are really enjoying the cooler weather! We have been doing a lot of outdoor activities in October. The children love being outside.

We spend our time jumping, climbing / sliding, running, yelling, rolling, digging in the sand, up and down stairs, and riding bikes. Students enjoy creating their own games within safe boundaries.

Our themes will be kindness, holiday, and family tradition. We will continue to sing songs, reading books, create daily activities based on the themes and interests of the aftercare group.

Love,
The Aftercare team

Friendly Reminders

- Please be sure with the onset of cooler temperatures your child has warm clothing for being outside.
- Please continue to provide an extra snack to enjoy during Aftercare hours.

2's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie & Ms. Tiffany

Feliz Noviembre! Happy November!

I'd like to thank Alicia Enciso Litschi (Regina's Mom) for helping us garden and providing us with beautiful plants. We appreciate your help in making October extra fun for us.

November brings us chilly weather and that means SWEATER WEATHER! Please check your child's cubby and change their extra clothes for clothes that are weather appropriate.

Our themes for this month are **Corn, Traditions & Holidays**, and **Giving (to ourselves & others)**. Themes will be emphasized with books, art, games, and songs.

From November 1st through November 2nd, we will observe **Día de los Muertos**. We will read books on the meaning of this holiday and explore items used for decorations. The children will get to create their own sugar skulls.

We'd like to welcome you to our classroom with the purpose of sharing your families' unique traditions or holidays. A tradition is an experience or activity you all share together whether it be daily, weekly, monthly, etc. Please feel free to ask about how you can be our special guest. All presentations will take place in our playground.

I'm excited to announce that we are partnering again with St. Francis for our Annual Food Drive. There will be a box placed outside our classroom starting Nov. 1 where you can drop off your non-perishable food donations. A child or two will be selected from each classroom to drop off the items while marching with jingle bells to the food pantry located on the Saint Francis campus

Peace and Love, Ms. Natalie and Ms. Tiffany

Spanish Vocabulary

Corn – Maíz

Traditions – Tradiciones

Giving – Dar/Regalar

Cold – Frío(a)

Jacket – Chaqueta

Boots – Botas



3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Siria

Hello Parents!

This month will be celebrating thanksgiving and our themes of the month are Giving, Corn, Holidays and Traditions.

We will be working on doing some sensory activities with corn, pine cones, cereal, we also we will be doing art using feathers, corn, paint and different types of brushes, sponges also finger painting.

We will continue learning about dental hygiene by reading books and also doing art activities about it and reminding the steps of tooth brushing on circle time.

We will be doing an activity for thanksgiving and Dia de Muertos (Mexican tradition).

I appreciate you hard work encouraging your child to wear a face mask we still working on keep their masks on in the classroom and hand washing. I know it's hard for the kids but we need to continue for everyone safety and health. Don't forget to send an extra face mask if needed for your child.

Don't hesitate if you need to communicate with me this is my email address siriaesq@gmail.com.

Thank you all!

Siria Esquivel



ISP Wish List

- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Yellow Copy Paper**
- **Families to purchase more cookie dough**
- **Big Pumpkins**



ISP will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

3's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Damaris

Hola familias!

I am thrilled to be back starting Monday, November 1st. I would like to give a special thank you to Ms. Zulma and Ms. Cathy for their time and support during my maternity leave.

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our virtual Back to School night! I was happy to see all of you there and thank you for your support, trust, and taking the time to join us.

During the month of November our themes will explore: corn, giving to others and ourselves, celebration of Dia de los Muertos, and our family traditions. If you are interested in sharing a family or cultural; tradition, I would be thrilled to schedule your visit . All visits take place outdoors. Activities could include sharing a special song book, tra Please be mindful that you will have to undergo a health check and that only one family member can be present for the activity.

We will be celebrating “Dia de Los Muertos”, sharing the traditional “Pan de Muerto”, and doing face painting on Monday November 1st. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this celebration that honor our loved ones that have passed away. An authorization form will be sent home on Friday, October 29th for you to read and sign.

Our monthly activities will include painting, a science project of sprouting colored corn, learning about the parts of corn and different types of corn, and who eats corn.

We are happy to announce that we will continue our yearly food drive to support the Saint Francis Food Pantry. We will be collecting non-perishable food items donations listed in this newsletter. There will be a drop off box for donations outside our classroom starting October 8th. Gracias!

I will be introducing numbers 1-15 in Spanish and the triangle shape.

Additionally, we Will explore seasons, colors, days of the week, and ABC's. All our curriculum will be presented in Spanish.

I would like to thank room parent Alejandra Valenzuela for helping me with class communications and needs. Thank you! We highly appreciate your time and support!

ISP is closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day, Nov. 24 for Teacher Inservice and Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

Happy and peaceful
Thanksgiving!

Kindly,

Ms. Damaris



Reminders:

- Please label morning and aftercare snacks, lunch, and water bottle.
- Pack a utensil, if needed.
- Our temperatures are getting cooler so please replace the clothing in your child's cubby with clothing suitable for the cooler days ahead.

November Spanish Vocabulary:

Corn - Maíz
Can you help me? - ¿Puedes ayudarme?
Thank you - Gracias
Please - Por favor
Be Kind- Sé amable
Giving – Dar

3's/4's Partial Spanish Immersion

with Ms. Lydia

Hello Dear Families, Queridos Padres y Familia سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

Happy November!

First of all, thank you for attending ISP's Zoom Back to School night. We enjoyed seeing you!

November is a beautiful month. Our themes will be giving, holiday, family tradition, corn, and Dia de los Muertos.

In Spanish, students will learn the song "Los Colores," and the following new words:

Corn-Elote Giving- Dar Turkey-Pavo

We will continue to work with the students on name in print recognition and identifying basic shapes and numbers.

The children planted pumpkin seeds in the garden last month and now we are watering, weeding, and watching the newly grown sprouts.

Thank you for packing healthy food for your child with colorful fruits and vegetables.

With the winter weather coming up, please be sure that your child has a warm jacket and two sets of clothes in their cubby at all times. Please label everything!

We invite families to share their family traditions with us during outdoor classroom times. It could be a memory, family tradition, cultural experience, or a story/song with our students. Just let us know so we can plan with you.

We hope you have the opportunity to enjoy family time over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

With Love,
Ms. Lydia



4's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Paola

November Vocabulary

Traditions: *Tradicions*
Holidays: *Celebraciones*
Giving: *Dar*
Gratitude: *Gratitud*
Turkey: *Pavo*
Dinner: *Cena*
Corn: *Maiz*

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy November! We are having so much fun and we are so busy exploring, learning and playing that the days go by really fast.

Holiday Season is in the air. During this month we will start out with the theme of Holidays and Traditions. We will start with one of my favorites, "Dia de los Muertos". Day of the Dead is a tradition that Mexico and most Latin American countries celebrate. It is a day where people take time to remember and honor their ancestors, family, friends, and pets who have passed away. We will set up an "Altar" inside our class, so if you want your child to participate in this celebration, send her/him with a picture of a loved one or pet that has passed away. We will decorate the Altar with colorful "Ofrendas" and we will share happy memories of our loved ones.

Dia de Accion de Gracias/ Thanksgiving is another special day we will talk about it. I will invite any family member who would like to share how you celebrate this holiday and the holidays to come! I'd like you to visit our class and share what traditions you have with your family. You can also read a book to the class; show us pictures of the activities you do or food you eat during these celebrations. We will talk and discuss the concept of "Giving". What does it mean? What can we give to others? How does it make you feel when you give something to others? Are there any other things we can give to others besides tangible things? We will be leaving some kind words and messages for our community around the school and outside the campus to take home. Our school will also help collect food for St. Francis food pantry. This will be a great opportunity to involve our children, families and friends in giving to and supporting those who are in need.

Maiz/Choclo/Elote/Corn is another theme for this month. We will explore corn cobs and we will talk about the parts of the cob (the soft silk, green husk kernels and shank). After we finish exploring the cobs, we'll use them for an art project! We will watch the process of a corn cob sprouting and we will compare different types of corn. At the end of this unit, we will make popcorn!

Children start to get very excited about this time of the year. Holidays, celebrations, trips, and visitors can be fun but also very overwhelming for our children. If there's any change in their routines, I would really appreciate if you let us know if possible.

During November and December, I will reinforce all the Pre-math, reading and writing skills we've been working on during this time. We've seen friends really interested in sounding out and writing words. We will start working on adding and subtracting. That's another activity friends really enjoy doing while playing and eating (I had 5 grapes, now have 3 because I ate 2!)

I feel so grateful to be part of this amazing and supportive community. Thanks for all you do!

Sending Love and
Kindness,
Ms. Paola

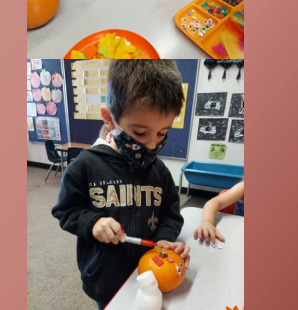
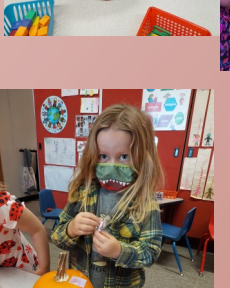
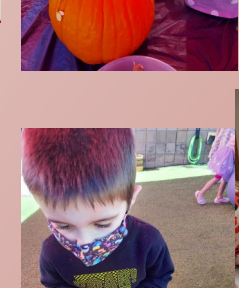
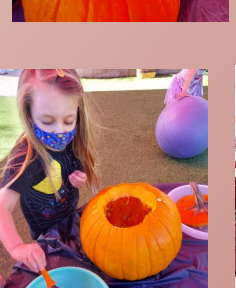
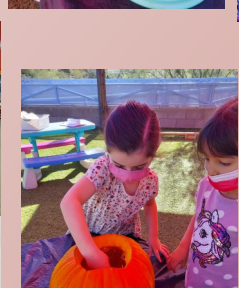
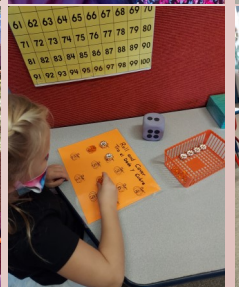


Many Thanks to...

- All the families who were able to join me during Parent Night.
- Greg and Gray for donating materials for our class.
- My room parents and the families in my class for providing breakfast for teachers and staff.
- Flynn, for bringing three pumpkins for our classroom.
- Ms. Ashley for all the help, love and support she provides in our class.
- ISP teachers, staff, board members and families.

"Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love" -Lao Tzu

Ms. Paola & her Precious Pumpkins



Covid-19 Action Plan

Updated 10-25-21

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. ISP will continue to monitor the current pandemic situation and make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:	What Staff is Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ Jani King, a professional cleaning service, who will clean our campus each evening M-F. When directed they may utilize a hospital grade method of disinfecting. In the event that a hospital grade method of disinfectant needs to be used, families will be notified. Their same team will clean our campus each evening while wearing coveralls, gloves, and a mask while on our campus. • Adhere to PCHD recommendations and ADHS policies. • Ensure that anyone entering a classroom will be masked and undergo a health check. • 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. • Apply ground markers to aid in distancing. • Use sneeze guards. • Request that all students wear a mask while inside and outside. • Hand sanitizer stations are set up around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff. • Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time. • Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, working thermometers, clothes coverings, and gloves are available at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Hold conferences via Zoom. • Wear gloves to help children with toileting and while changing diapers, as well as during meal times. • Wear a mask indoors & outdoors. • Store a spare set of clothing on campus for personal use if needed. • Educate, support, and encourage all children to wear a mask indoors and outdoors. This includes teaching children to put on and remove masks during eating and nap times. • Keep separate all outer clothing, water bottles, and lunches. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Notify Director of your domestic and international travel plans. Follow current CDC travel guidelines. • Strive to have same adult pick up and drop off your child every day. • Practice physical 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 wear a mask inside and outside. All students will have 2 masks and a labelled container at school. • 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. • Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer

Covid-19 Action Plan, continued...

Updated 10-25-21

What Administration is Doing:	What Staff is Doing:	What Families are Doing:																
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate our community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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. • 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 & 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 recommendations of the CDC, federal and local governments, & the Arizona Department of Health, Division of Child Care Licensing. All refunds are at the discretion of the director. • Upon written request and within the allot time frame , ISP will grant a credit of 50% of the tuition for missed time, to be credited to the following month's tuition. You will receive a one-time invoice for your tuition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. Allow for visits outside. • Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure to have a backup childcare plan in place should ISP need to temporarily close the campus, a classroom, or extended day program. • 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: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Fever or chills</td> <td>Cough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fatigue</td> <td>Headache</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sore throat</td> <td>Diarrhea</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Muscle or body aches</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">New loss of taste or smell</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Congestion or runny nose</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Nausea or vomiting</td> </tr> </table> • 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 24 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, self-regulate, 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. 	Fever or chills	Cough	Fatigue	Headache	Sore throat	Diarrhea	Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing		Muscle or body aches		New loss of taste or smell		Congestion or runny nose		Nausea or vomiting	
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* Effective 10/25/2021 Covid-19 Health and Safety Procedures and Protocols are updated regularly and as necessary.

Please be diligent about keeping abreast of new information.