

COVID Health & Safety Plan

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All guidelines below come from the State of Oregon Early Learning Division. All requirements for COVID-19 safety will be met and, whenever possible, the highest recommendations will be followed. This document will be updated and shared each time we receive new guidance from the Early Learning Division. [The most recent guidance can be reviewed here.](#)

Please note: This list is not exhaustive. If you would like to know more or have specific questions, please reach out: NaturePlay@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org or 541-638-0616.

Protocol and Documentation

- Students or teachers who test positive or have Covid symptoms, please:
 - **Call our Benton County Health Department caseworker and ask for the advised next steps for your specific scenario. Kathy: (541) 714- 0977**
 - Let us know what actions were advised so we can document.
 - email: NaturePlay@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org
 - phone (text is best): 541-638-0616.
 - Test, quarantine, and monitor symptoms as advised by the Info Hotline.
- Teachers and students may return to NaturePlay no sooner than 5 days (10 in some cases) after an exposure risk.

General Safety Measures

- All NaturePlay teachers are vaccinated.
- Masks are welcome but not required. Teachers will continue to support students and families who choose to continue wearing a mask.
- Adults, excluding teachers, are not allowed inside the facility, except in cases where you need to tend to your student for medical needs.
- Students must bring their own snack (and lunch if registered for *Squirrel Lunch Munch*). There will be no sharing of food.
- Students and staff will be required to wash hands:
 - Upon entering and leaving the child care facility.
 - After sharing toys, learning materials, etc.
 - After coming in from outside.
 - Before and after eating and/or preparing food
 - Before and after administering medication.
 - After toileting or assisting with toileting.
 - After wiping a nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- We have a HVAC filter in the classroom and leave at least 2 windows open with fans running to create a cross-breeze for ventilation.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- We will have one drop off/pick up location at the west entrance to Avery House Nature Center (AHNC). Adults and children are asked to socially distance while waiting to check in.
- All students and adults must pass a daily health check at morning drop-off and afternoon pickup. As part of this health check, you will be asked 3 questions each day about you and your student, for which any Yes answer is grounds for going home:
 - Do you or your student have a fever?
 - Temperatures above 100.4 degrees are considered a fever and your student will need to go home.
 - Have you or your student been experiencing an unusual cough, shortness of breath, or fever? “Unusual cough” means something not normal for this person (e.g., allergies, asthma).
 - Do you or your student have symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, headache, sore throat, or rash?
- Students who stay home as a result of the daily health check will be invited to return to NaturePlay with the permission of their primary care physician.

Activities & Scheduling

- Snack times will be staggered to allow spacing out of students as they eat.
- Shared toys, materials, and equipment will be limited, provided individually whenever possible, and frequently sanitized.

Facility Sanitizing

- Our classroom, furniture, and toys/materials will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Windows will be open and fans on whenever possible to promote air circulation.
- The potty chair and sink will be sanitized between uses.

Response to Possible COVID-19 Cases

- If any teachers or students experience symptoms or test positive, they will be excluded from NaturePlay in accordance with the steps advised by Benton County Covid Info Hotline (phone number above).
 - If symptoms develop while at NaturePlay, student/staff members will be sent home immediately.
- If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, we will follow the guidance of the Benton County Health Dept. which may include notifying all people potentially exposed and closing NaturePlay for several days, among other steps.