

COVID-19 Community Expectations - 2021-2022

The health and safety of our community is our highest priority. Our ability to meet in person is entirely dependent on every member of the community doing their part to follow the guidelines provided by our state and local public health officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We expect that each community member agrees to uphold the Explorer West core values of Personal and Community Responsibility by agreeing to the terms listed below, in order to be eligible to be on campus.

A note about vaccination: Our return to normal activities over time is dependent upon our community being vaccinated. Our faculty and staff are vaccinated. Vaccination for eligible students is *strongly encouraged* at this time. Once all middle school-aged students become eligible for vaccination, we expect to require vaccination for our students. We will, however, allow families to request a medical exemption if vaccination would pose a threat to health and such requests shall include proof of consultation with a healthcare professional.

All Explorer West families are expected to take active steps to protect the health and safety of every member of our community in the midst of this global pandemic. To protect themselves and others in the community, families must agree to:

- Adhere to State and County requirements regarding the wearing of face masks, practicing physical distancing, travel advisories, and other measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in their daily lives.
- Read all school communications and stay informed about health and safety updates, especially our COVID-19 Procedures document.
- Teach children how to properly wear face masks, and help reinforce the vital importance of mask usage in disease mitigation.
- Practice consistent hand hygiene and teach children to do the same. Avoid touching face, mouth, eyes, or nose; avoid sharing materials; minimize touching shared surfaces.
- Notify the school if anyone in the household has tested positive for or is suspected to have COVID-19, or if anyone in the household has been notified that they were in contact with an individual with COVID-19.
- Monitor themselves for symptoms and complete daily health screenings honestly and accurately.
- Participate in school-based COVID testing as may be requested for school activities such as camping trips.

- Keep students home when they are sick with any illness.
- Understand that if a community member tests positive for COVID-19, that person has a right to privacy and must not be viewed with blame or judgment. Even if a person follows all guidelines, it is still possible to contract the virus.
- Understand that although different people and different families may have different experiences and different attitudes about the seriousness of COVID-19, we share a community value and commitment at Explorer West to treat one another with respect.
- Understand that for schools to operate as safely as possible, it is incumbent on all members of society to be vigilant in avoiding disease transmission and take all possible steps to do so.

As members of the Explorer West Middle School community, we expect all community members to do their best to follow these agreements to allow for our students, faculty, and staff to benefit from time spent together, as safely as possible.

I will indicate that I have read this document and acknowledge the content on our Fall 2021 universal acknowledgement form.