

Preface:

COVID-19 is highly contagious and poses a risk of severe illness and death if contracted. Project Phoenix Pod (P2Pod) believes that we are doing everything in our power to lower the risk of transmission in this program, as you'll see with the following procedures. However, there is still risk in contracting the virus, as with most activities during this time. Please take that into consideration when deciding whether to enroll your child in our program.

Public Health Recommendations:

We know that as new knowledge emerges about the pandemic the policies and practices of the P2Pod will have to adjust accordingly. The P2Pod will use Local, State, and Federal public health guidance in ensuring that the P2Pod is compliant with the latest and best recommendations.

The Pod Concept:

Our concept for ensuring as low-risk a group of learners as possible is to design our schedule and procedures around operating as small, individual pods. We also urge all families to keep practicing physical distancing, hand hygiene, and masking when outside of the school. Limiting our social contacts also makes it easier to keep everyone healthy and to keep our pod open.

Facial Coverings:

In accordance with the state's emergency order, unless students are exercising outside, they will be required to wear facial coverings (brought from home) at all times, except while actively eating or drinking. We encourage parents who are enrolling in this program to practice mask wearing with their children before enrolling.

Face Shields and other barriers are acceptable protective equipment in addition to the use of facial coverings.

Student Arrival:

Upon arrival, your child will have their temperature taken and be asked a series of screening questions to ensure symptoms of COVID-19 are not present. Parents are welcome to accompany their student at arrival for a brief period, but ultimately having the student arrive on their own is the goal (without parents accompanying them to the door). Normally, students can be dropped off in the church parking lot (or they are encouraged to bike or walk!) Parents should practice social distancing at the student arrival point. Our enrollment is small, so this should be easily manageable.

Social Distancing:

All chairs will be set six or more feet apart, and each room will be populated based on providing 50 or more square feet per student. Students are not allowed to share school materials or food with other students.

Hand-washing:

Each student will be asked to wash their hands before classroom time begins, after the activity portion of the day, and before eating. Staff will always help reinforce the concept for your child throughout the day. Soap and water will be the primary method for keeping hands clean since it is most effective; alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available for times when thorough handwashing is not possible.

Disinfecting:

Staff will disinfect Pod-space surfaces daily.

Illness Policy:

We use the Washington State Department of Health Guidelines (DOH 820-099) for Youth Development Opportunities. These guidelines include:

- Health Screening at Entry
- Physical Distancing
- Outside Play
- Meals and Snack Time
- Hygiene Practices
- What to do if someone develops signs of COVID-19
- Returning to the program
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures

Unequivocally, we do not allow children, staff, vendors, parents, guardians, or guests on-site if they:

- Show symptoms of COVID-19.
- Have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

If your child develops symptoms while they are at school, they will be cared for in a separate area of the building while they wait for pick up.

If your child needs to be absent, please email us at the earliest opportunity.

Potential Closures:

We highly recommend that you have back care plan prepared, as there may be very little warning of a closure due to pandemic restrictions. We will do everything possible to remain open as long as it aligns with public health recommendations and does not compromise the safety of our students and staff.

The following are two of the possible scenarios where we might be forced to close:

- Staffing shortage if staff or volunteers are unavailable due to precautionary sick leave for themselves or their family.
- A confirmed case in P2Pod community.

Immunizations:

Families will have to submit proof of immunizations or a certificate of exemption in order to attend the P2Pod. A current Influenza Vaccine is strongly encouraged.

First Aid:

Our Pod area will have a first aid kit. If first aid materials are used for your child, you will get a notification that day.

Medication:

If your child takes medication, please let us know before the program begins and we can discuss the safest way to administer it. Over the counter medication (such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or acetaminophen) may be supplied to your student if you authorize this practice on the student's health waiver.

Project Phoenix Pod Screening Questions

In the past 24 hours have you experienced any of the following:

- Felt feverish?
- Chills?
- New or worsening cough?
- Shortness of breath?
- Sore throat?

Additionally:

- Have you been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19?
- Have you been tested for COVID-19, but do not have the results?

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, the student will not be allowed to participate in the Pod's daily activities.

Student temperatures will be taken. If temperature is **100.4F or higher**, the student will not be allowed to participate in the Pod's daily activities.