

COVID-19 Precautions and Guidelines effective April 2022

The following precautions and guidelines concerning COVID-19 should be considered an addendum to the current Valley Homeschool Co-op Handbook. Please read this document carefully and completely before registering. Acknowledgement of and agreement to this document will be required before registration is considered complete.

Precautions

In order for Valley Homeschool Co-op to keep our community members safe and healthy, we will implement the following precautions:

- Mask usage is optional at this time.
 - We are guests of the church campus and will follow the rules they set in place. At this time, mask usage is optional. If mask usage becomes required, then we will act in accordance with the church's policy. Further, the Valley Homeschool Co-op Leadership Team reserves the right to require mask usage. No refunds will be given if an attendee decides to withdraw from the co-op due to a change in mask protocol.
 - Additionally, we are striving to create a positive homeschool community. The decisions on how to best protect our families are personal and varied. Negative behavior or speech regarding those decisions will not be tolerated from parents or students. Please be kind and supportive.
 - If you would like your child to wear a mask while attending co-op, please instruct them on the proper wearing and usage.
- We strongly encourage the Covid vaccine for those eligible, but immunization is not required.
- We encourage hand sanitizing and washing.
 - As a teacher and a parent, please use hand sanitizer and encourage hand washing. This includes, but is not limited to, the start of day, after lunch, after restroom use, and as needed. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing cleaner will be available in each classroom.

- We ask that parents please teach and encourage children to use proper respiratory etiquette.
 - Remind and teach children to respect personal space. Sneeze into an elbow. Use tissues to blow your nose. Wash your hands after touching your nose and/or mouth.
- The areas of the church that the co-op uses will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use.
- If the Valley Homeschool Leadership Team is notified of an exposure that occurred at co-op, then co-op members will be notified, and confidentiality will be maintained. The Leadership Team will also determine whether to cancel the next co-op meeting.
- Lunch will be held together as a co-op community. Eating as a family unit is not required but can be accommodated upon request. Eating outside is also allowed.

Guidelines

We have developed the following guidelines that we ask all co-op families to follow:

- If you are sick, don't attend co-op. If your child is sick, don't bring them to co-op.
- If you or your child is exhibiting any of the following symptoms, please don't attend co-op:
 - Fever, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, or other indications of illness. Home is the first point of screening for illness. If you are unsure, then err on the side of caution. A healthy co-op benefits everyone. If you or your child show up sick or become sick at co-op, you will be asked to leave for the day.
- If you or your child tests positive for COVID-19, or if you have reason to believe you or your child may have COVID-19 prior to attending co-op, please do not return to co-op until it has been five days since the positive test, AND a negative test has been taken, AND you/your child has been symptom free for 24 hours. Otherwise, please wait 10 days before returning to co-op.

- If you or your child tests positive for COVID-19 or you have reason to believe you or your child may have COVID-19 within two days after attending co-op, please notify a board member. Please don't return to co-op until it has been five days since the positive test, AND a negative test has been taken, AND you/your child has been symptom free for 24 hours. Otherwise, please wait 10 days before returning to co-op.
- If you think or know a member of your household has contracted COVID-19, please do not attend co-op. Please follow the current CDC recommendations for exposure.

To promote a close homeschool community, we must have trust. Please follow these guidelines for the wellbeing of our community as a whole and out of respect for our relationships. Nobody wants to miss co-op. It is the best part of the week!