



## COVID-19

### Addendum to the Covid-19 Reopening Plan (CRP)

COVID-19 presents a number of challenges for schools. But remember, school is simply a place. It's a collection of children that reside in homes and with their parents the majority of the time.

In order to keep our school open and safe, families should be reminded to take assertive measures to protect their children and TSH. This includes wearing a mask when appropriate, limiting travel during the school year, understanding and practicing hand washing, as well as keeping socially distant.

As for measures at The School House, temperature checks, cleaning procedures, hygiene instruction in school, social distancing, mask wearing for Educators and other protocols are rigorously in place. Here is how we'll operate our Environments and our Cleaning Protocols as well as some frequently asked questions regarding how TSH will approach a Learner or Educator with COVID-19.

### Environment Expectations:

Below are requirements for each Classroom. Please share this with Parents in your welcome email prior to the start of school. It will also be posted on our website in addition to Cleaning Protocols and our COVID-19 Q&A:

#### Welcome to the Classroom:

- **Children will be escorted to the classroom after a temperature check.**
- **Your child will go to the sink and wash their hands** before beginning their day.
- **Educators will review** sneezing into arms, washing hands, using tissues and other protocols each week as part of Monday Morning Gathering.

#### Classroom Routine:

- **Learners will be assigned** a spot in circle that will be their spot each day.
- **Learners will be assigned** their own work rug.
- **Additional work rugs or cloth materials will be laundered.**
- **Approximately every 30 minutes children will be reminded of Fun with Foam (hand-washing)**

- **Each child will eat snack and lunch in their classroom.** This area will be sprayed with Seventh Generation natural disinfectant (approved by the EPA for COVID) at the end of lunchtime.
- **Art and Science** will take place in the classroom.
- **School Care** will take place per five children from the same classroom each day.
- **Ambassadors of Kindness** will be replaced with Lead Educator Kindness Programs.
- **Materials** will be sprayed down with Seventh Generation natural disinfectant (approved by the EPA for COVID) at the end of the morning work cycle.
- **Learners** will wash hands after recess in addition to times within the classroom.
- **Large gatherings** for Provocation and Mindfulness will take place in classrooms and not school-wide

#### **Additional Safety Measures:**

- **Classrooms will have a bucket/box for shared items** to be cleaned.
- **Once in classrooms, Learners will stay in the room** for the day except to go outside to the playground, to use the bathroom or to attend Music (large area), Socratic (small groups), Library (small groups) or PE (outside)
- **The classroom and the School at large will be sanitized** by our Cleaning Professionals at the end of each day (see Cleaning Protocols for more information).
- **If a child presents any symptoms at school**, they will be held in the Nurse's Office until a Parent can pick them up.

#### **Cleaning Protocols:**

**Below please find our checklist for how TSH cleans and disinfects our property each day.**

- A Team of 5 Professional Cleaners disinfect TSH each day after 3:30 pm.
- All Cleaning Professionals wear uniforms and are temperature checked. Per the CDC they are not required to wear masks.
- All tables and chairs are wiped down with Seventh Generation wipes.
- All sinks and doorknobs are disinfected with Lysol spray.
- All glass is wiped down with Windex
- All handrails are cleaned with Clorox and soap and hot water.
- The Kitchen (used by Educators) and Bathrooms are cleaned with Lysol and Clorox
- All floors are vacuumed and then mopped with Clorox or Seventh Generation.

#### **Questions & Answers:**

**Here are some frequently asked questions about our COVID-19 response in addition to the Reopening Plan.**

Q. What if a Learner tests positive for COVID-19?

A. If your Learner tests positive for COVID-19, please inform TSH immediately. TSH will inform NYS, our Educators and our Parent Community and the school will be cleaned and disinfected. The Learner must provide a negative test in order to return to school. A single case is not cause for closing TSH, but additional measures in disinfecting and informing parents will be taken so families can make the best decision for their situation.

Q. If there is a case and I decided to keep my child home, will I receive Home Learning?

A. No. Home Learning will occur only if TSH is mandated to close.

Q. What if an Educator tests positive for COVID-19?

A. If an Educator tests positive for COVID-19, TSH will inform NYS and our Parent Community immediately and the school will be cleaned and disinfected. The Educator must provide a negative test in order to return to school.

Q. What should I do if my Learner is symptomatic?

A. Keep your Learner home and get tested immediately.

Q. What if my Learner travels internationally via air?

A. All Learners who travel internationally via air must inform TSH. They must also remain home for a 14-day quarantine upon return to New York.

Q. What if my Learner travels domestically via air?

A. All Learners who travel domestically via air must inform TSH. They must also remain home for a 14-day quarantine upon return to New York if they travelled to a high-risk area.

Q. Under what circumstances would The School House close due to COVID-19?

A. TSH will only close under 2 circumstances. The first is if NYS mandates a closure as they did in early 2019. The second is if we experience cases within in the school that cannot be contained or mitigated. If we do close, our intention is that the closure be temporary. In the event of any closure, our Home Learning instruction will commence immediately. Please see this link to how we will operate Home Learning aligned with the TSH mission: <https://www.theschoolhouse.org/covid19-reopening-plan>