



Windmill COVID-19 Policies and Procedures
As amended August 15, 2022

Windmill's health and safety protocols and procedures may be subject to change based on CDPH, CDC, CDSS, or San Mateo County guidelines.

DAILY REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE REPORT ALL STUDENT ABSENCES AND WHY, INCLUDING TRAVEL.

This assists us in keeping track of any illness or required isolation.

Email the Front Office at attendance@windmillschool.com

please cc your child's Head Teacher

or Call (650) 851-0771

**** Please do not bring your child if they have a fever of 100.4 F or above or are showing signs of any respiratory illness****

Health Checks

- Please make sure that your child does not have a fever or any other signs of illness before bringing them to school. Windmill will conduct a visual health check upon arrival.
- **If a child develops any symptoms while at school, they will be isolated in the front office and will need to be picked up within 15 minutes.**

SICKNESS, EXPOSURES, & QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

STAY HOME WHEN SICK and GET TESTED

The CDPH notes that getting tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are consistent with COVID-19 will help with rapid contact tracing and prevent possible spread at schools. CDPH recommends the following:

- Staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection may not return for in-person instruction until they have met these criteria:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; **and**
 - Individual's symptoms are improving; **and**
 - They have a negative COVID-19 test, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), **OR** at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset.
- For those using COVID-19 tests, you may use either a PCR test or a rapid antigen test. Once you or your child has a confirmed case of COVID-19, rapid tests are best to determine if you are ready to come out of isolation after the requisite period.

Please review the chart below for Symptom and Diagnosis guidelines

Symptom/Diagnosis	When Child/Staff will be sent home/excluded	When Child/Staff may return
Fever 100.4 or higher	Immediately	Cannot attend until the STAY HOME WHEN SICK AND GET TESTED guidelines (above) are met.
Child/Staff has any COVID symptoms: Cough Shortness of Breath Sore Throat Fatigue Diarrhea Stomach cramping Nausea Loss of taste or smell	Immediately	Cannot attend until the STAY HOME WHEN SICK AND GET TESTED guidelines (above) are met.
Staff or student is COVID-19 positive	Immediately	Staff or students can return to school 5 days after positive test or onset of symptoms, so long as symptoms have improved, staff/child has not had a fever (without the use of fever reducing medication) for at least 24 hours, and staff/child has a <u>negative</u> antigen test result on Day 5. Day 0 is the day symptoms began OR test was positive, and the return to school is possible starting on Day 6. If an antigen test is positive on Day 5, staff/child should continue to isolate until a negative antigen test OR after day 10, whichever comes first. When staff/child returns to school, masks are strongly encouraged indoors through Day 10.
Child or staff has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (either at school or outside of school)	Sent home/excluded only when symptomatic	As long as the child or staff is asymptomatic, child or staff may continue to attend Windmill and extracurriculars. It is recommended that child or staff take a Covid test 3-5 days after the exposure. If child or staff starts showing signs of illness or gets a positive test result, follow SICK or COVID + protocols accordingly. For 10 days following the close contact exposure, <u>masks will be strongly encouraged indoors at school for all affected individuals.</u>

If a Windmill student or employee is confirmed with COVID-19

- Confidentiality of a child, family member, or employee with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be maintained.
- San Mateo County Health Department and California Licensing Regional Office will be contacted, where required
- Where applicable, exposure notices will be distributed
- Depending on circumstances, the site or classroom may be closed for a specific time..
- Child and/or Staff will be required to follow the protocols described above, in addition to any relevant county or state requirements.

TRAVEL

- Windmill does not have any guidelines regarding travel at this time. Please review current [CDC travel guidelines](#) should you have questions regarding travel and COVID.

VACCINATION

Vaccination against COVID-19 is not required for children attending Windmill. The CDPH does strongly recommend that all eligible individuals get vaccinated.

In the Classroom

Handwashing

- Handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day and will be required at set situations. .
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for adults in multiple areas on campus and kept out of reach for children.

Cleaning

Windmill will adhere to strict cleaning procedures, including regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

Ventilation

Windmill uses Merv #13 filters in our HVAC system. All classrooms have Hepa Air Purifiers, and windows/doors are open for fresh air unless the air quality is poor.

Visitors

- We will be offering many opportunities for visitation and participation in the classrooms. Please stay tuned for further details!

Masks

- Following CDPH guidance, as of March 21, 2022, masks are no longer mandated at Windmill for staff, children, and parents/guests, indoors or outdoors. The CDPH and the California Department of Social Services strongly recommend that individuals in these settings continue to wear a mask indoors.
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- You may talk with your child about your family's choices regarding masking. We will also talk with the children about how some people will continue to wear masks, while others may not. We will aim at all times to foster a community of respect for each child's/family's choice regarding masking.
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- If you have certain masking preferences for your child, please reach out to your head teacher to let her know. We cannot ensure that we will be able to monitor masks for children according to your preferences at all times, but we will do our best to ensure that your wishes are followed.

- If your child will be wearing a mask at school, please make sure your child has a couple of extra clean masks and that they are all labeled with their name.

Air Quality

Ventilation is essential in protecting against the transmission of COVID at school. We keep the doors and windows open to the greatest extent possible. And, we spend a great deal of our time outside. If the air quality is unhealthy, we may make the decision to close school for the day. Families will be emailed and texted this information.

Windmill uses www.purpleair.com to determine whether the air is healthy enough to operate school. Specifically, we use the Portola Rd at Hayfields Rd sensor which is right down the street from us.