

WPELC COVID-19 Pandemic Acknowledgement and Agreement

I acknowledge that we are in the middle of a global pandemic and there is a risk that, by attending Washington Park Early Learning Center (WPELC), my children or I could contract COVID-19 or another health condition. I am fully aware of the risks and dangers of such attendance. I understand that attendance is voluntary, and that WPELC will not be held liable in any manner for my or my children's usage, or any personal injury or illness to me or my children as a result of the usage of any WPELC facility. I am signing this document for myself and my children as to any facility usage on WPELC property to include all buildings and grounds.

This document must be signed by both parents/guardians (if/when applicable).

_____ I agree to provide WPELC with accurate health information for my child(ren) and updated contact information for myself and my child(ren)'s Emergency Contacts before the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

_____ I understand that to enter the facility to attend classes my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. (See Appendix.) My child will be screened upon arrival and will be sent home immediately if exhibiting any signs of the illness. If, during the day, my child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, my child will be separated from others at the school and possibly required to wear a mask, I will be contacted, and my child MUST be picked up within 45 minutes of being notified. We will then follow all recommended guidance from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on when my child can return to school.

_____ I understand that my children's temperature may be taken throughout the day while on the premises.

_____ I understand that when the City of Denver is deemed to be in "Community Level: HIGH," children two and older are required to wear a mask at school while indoors and that I am responsible for providing them with a mask for school.

_____ I understand that all children will be required to wash their hands using CDC recommended hand washing procedures throughout the day, using warm running water while rubbing with soap for at least 20 seconds.

_____ I understand that Parent Helpers are required to follow our illness policy and do a thorough symptom check prior to working in the classroom. I understand I will need to report a COVID-19 exposure that occurs within 7 days prior to my child's helping day, and may be asked to reschedule my helping parent day, per discretion of the Director.

_____ I understand that if I am either NOT vaccinated or NOT up-to-date on my boosters, I will wear a mask and/or rapid test the morning of my Helping Parent day.

_____ I understand that if Denver is in Community Level HIGH, everyone - including staff and volunteers - will be required to wear a mask while indoors.

_____ I understand that WPELC strongly recommends testing for COVID-19 for children and families after travel or potential exposure through certain activities or visitors.

_____ I understand that WPELC is taking reasonable precautions based on the most current guidance from the CDPHE, the City of Denver, and the Office Of Early Childhood to limit my child's exposure to COVID-19, but cannot guarantee that the facility will remain COVID-19-free or that my child will not be exposed to the virus while at school. I will make every effort to help maintain the safety of the school or facility and everyone within by complying with any and all state, county, and local orders pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and limiting its spread.

_____ I will immediately notify WPELC if I become aware of any person with whom my child(ren) or I have had contact is advised to self-isolate or quarantine, or has tested positive/is presumed positive for COVID-19.

_____ I understand that while present at WPELC each day my child will be in contact with children, families, and employees who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines, or practices will remove 100 percent of the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The virus can be transferred by persons who are asymptomatic and/or before one shows signs of infection. I understand that I play a crucial role in keeping everyone in the school or facility safe and in reducing the risk of exposure by following the provisions contained herein.

Certification and Signature

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the provisions listed herein. I acknowledge that failure to act in accordance with these provisions, or with any other policy or procedure outlined by WPELC may result in termination of enrollment. I also acknowledge that my children's enrollment will be terminated if it is determined that my actions, or lack of action, unnecessarily exposes another student, employee, or WPELC community member to COVID-19.

Furthermore, I am fully aware of the risks and dangers of attending WPELC. I understand that attendance is voluntary, and agree to release WPELC from all claims, liabilities, suits, and defenses for any illness, injury, damage, death, or other loss in any way connected with my children's enrollment at WPELC or participation in WPELC activities. I agree WPELC will not be held liable in any manner for my or my children's usage, or any personal injury or illness to me or my children as a result of the usage of any WPELC facility.

Finally, I certify and represent that I am my children's legally authorized parent/guardian, and that I have the legal authority to permit my child to enroll and attend WPELC, and to execute this Agreement and all other required documents for myself and for and on behalf of my children. To the extent necessary, I agree that I have obtained any and all other pertinent consents or authorities (including any required by a court decree or order; for example, a divorce decree, custody order, or joint parenting plan).

Appendix

This is in no way intended to be an exhaustive list of COVID-19 symptoms. As it is a novel virus, scientists and physicians continue to identify new symptoms as time goes on and new variants emerge. Any new symptoms identified during the duration of the school year should be assumed to be included on this list.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

While we understand that many of these symptoms can also be related to non-COVID-19 related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this pandemic.