



WHAT SOUTHERN OREGON HEAD START IS DOING TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD DURING RE-OPENING

The health and safety of Head Start children and families are our number one priority. When we return to school, a number of changes will be in place. We ask parent and staff cooperation in implementing these changes. Although these changes are necessary, we're hoping to get back to the Head Start spirit of closeness, community, and school family soon. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Hester, Safety Compliance Manager at 1-408-709-0958. For more information, visit <https://www.socfc.org/>.



Face Coverings: Your child **DOES NOT** need to wear **cloth or disposable face covering** while attending preschool unless requested by you (the parent/guardian).

All staff and any other person over the age of 5 who is inside our facility is required to wear a cloth or disposable face covering.

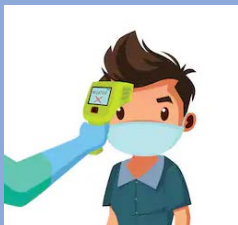
Parents are **required** to wear a **cloth or disposable** face covering at drop-off and pick-up. Head Start will provide the masks **if needed**.



Classroom Access: Parents and family members will have **limited access to centers** and no access to classrooms. If you need to enter the center, you will be required to clear a health screening which includes a temperature and symptoms check. If you have questions about access contact your Site Manager.



Drop-off/ Pick up: A **drive up, drop off and pick up system** will reduce the number of people you and your child are exposed to. Adults dropping off or picking up must maintain physical distancing while waiting for staff to complete daily health checks. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance along with hand washing when a child enters the building. We encourage families or caretakers to have the same person dropping-off and picking up the child every day.

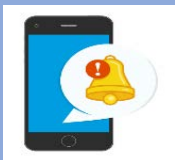


Daily Health Checks: Anyone entering the building including your child will receive a daily health check. These checks will include: 1. A temperature check: Temperatures must be under 100.4⁰ Fahrenheit with no fever-controlling medicine. 2. You will be asked these questions: Have you or your child been exposed to a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 any time during the past 14 days. Are you or your child experiencing unusual cough, shortness of breath, or fever. "Unusual cough" means something not normal for your child, e.g. allergies, asthma." Does the child or adult have symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, headache, sore throat, or rash? For more information contact the Head Start Nurse at 541-734-5150 ext.1032.



Attendance! As always attendance is important to your child's learning and growth, however during this time increased risk of spreading Covid-19 we ask that you be especially cautious about sending your child to school when they have any symptoms of illness. All absences will be considered "excused" this year please just let us know in advance.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe!



Notification: Head Start will inform parents immediately if there is a presumptive or confirmed case at the center via telephone and text. Parents are required to tell their child's teacher if the child has been exposed to COVID-19 or has received a positive diagnosis. Strict confidentiality will be used.



School Closures: Plan for possible school closures or periods of quarantine. If transmission is increasing in our community or if multiple children or staff test positive for COVID-19, the Head Start center might close. Make sure your contact information is current at school, including emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your children from school. If that list includes anyone who is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, consider finding an alternate person.



Cleaning Protocols: Indoor and outdoor surfaces at the center will be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected throughout the day. Janitorial services that include disinfecting will occur nightly. Windows will be opened often, as weather permits. HVAC filters are changed regularly.



Hand Hygiene: Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available for children ages 2 and over. Adults will monitor the use of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer does not replace hand washing and the program will follow set hand washing procedures. Children should not bring hand sanitizer from home. Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a mask or cloth face covering. Make hand washing fun and explain to your child why it's important.



Meals: Family-style meals will not be served until further notice. All meals will be dished up and served by Head Start Staff at the table. No food will be allowed from home. Visiting your child during mealtime will not be allowed at this time.



Toothbrushing: Until new guidelines from OHA or CDC stating that toothbrushing will be safe in classrooms, we will NOT be brushing teeth at school. Teeth should be brushed twice a day, for two minutes each time! It is important for your child's health that they keep brushing their teeth at home.



Immunizations: Make sure your child is up-to-date with all [recommended vaccines](#), including for flu. This is especially important this year because we do not yet know if being sick with COVID-19 at the same time as the flu will result in more severe illness.