

Shine Christian Homeschool Co-op

Health and Safety Expectations

Health & Wellness Policy

The purpose of this policy is for the health and wellness of the members of our co-op and their families. We are setting a few guidelines to try to reach this goal as best we can together.

Before coming to co-op

- If you or anyone in your household **has tested positive for Covid or Flu**
 - Please do not come to co-op that week
 - There will not be any contact tracing at co-op
- If you or anyone in your household **has a fever or is experiencing new or worsening symptoms of illness**
 - The person with the fever and/or symptoms needs to stay home
 - Decisions for the rest of the family are left up to you
- **Examples & our recommendations** are given below for other scenarios
 - If it's a virus or stomach bug, everyone should stay home
 - If it's not viral, like an ear infection or teething, the other family members are welcome to come to co-op
 - If it is strep throat, other family members are welcome to come if they are not showing symptoms of illness and not prone to getting the infection
- There are many different scenarios that could be given. Ultimately, these are decisions that only **YOU** can make for your family
- When you come to co-op, you are assuming the risk of exposure to illness

While at co-op

- If you or your child(ren) experience a fever or any symptoms of illness that begin at co-op, we ask that **your entire family** go home for the remainder of the day for the safety of everyone.
- Masks are a personal preference during co-op.
- Please wash hands often throughout the day! Encourage your children to wash hands, especially before lunch.
- To avoid overuse of hand sanitizer, we will be requiring children in Pre-K 4 and under to wash hands before 1st period and after lunch/recess. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them in this.
- The water fountains at co-op have all been rerouted to be a bottle-filler only. We will have disposable paper cups but, if possible, please plan to

bring a water bottle with a NAME on it (left behind water bottles will not be kept week-to-week).

Miscellaneous

- As of right now, the co-op will only cancel if we do not have enough teachers to cover classes. We will let you know as soon as possible if we decide not to meet that week.
- If the Boys & Girls Club closes to its members, we will still be allowed to meet.
- Refunds will not be made for classes missed due to illness or cancellations.

Safety and Other Expectations

- If your child has an allergy, please be sure to personally contact your child's teachers to find out if their allergy is a concern during their time at co-op. Teachers do note when there are allergies listed but personally contacting them is an additional safety measure in case there was an oversight on their part.
- Children in Pre-K 4 & under will need to be picked up by a parent or an older sibling for lunch AND end of day. Please make this your first stop at those times so that the teachers/clean-up will not be delayed.
- Name tags are required to be worn each week at co-op by everyone. There are blank tags available for the back of your child's name tag if you would like to add your phone # or your class schedule, should your child need you.
- The front door will be locked right at 10:00am and will remain locked throughout the day as a safety measure. Please plan to arrive at co-op between 9:45-9:50am each week to give you time to get settled and avoid being locked out. If you have a visitor coming, please let person on "door duty" know to expect them.

Cell Phone Use

- We highly encourage parents to set aside their cell phone at co-op. During class, using your phone is distracting to students and setting yours aside provides good modeling. Obviously, during the day, you may have some business that cannot be avoided but please limit use to in between class time or off periods when possible.
- For safety purposes, we do not want students sharing their screen with other students. Phone use for all students will be prohibited during class and lunch. Please encourage your child/teen to talk and visit and set aside their phones while at co-op.