

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 had a **fever in the past 48 hours OR has tested positive for Covid or Flu** in the last seven days, do not come to co-op that week. We ask that you follow CDC guidelines to determine when it is safe to return.
 - If you or your child(ren) who attended co-op the previous Thursday tests positive for Covid or Flu, please contact the directors. We will only contact the classes you or your child attended. Your name will not be shared with anyone other than the board.
 - There will not be any contact tracing.
- If you or anyone attending co-op is **experiencing new or worsening symptoms of illness, but have not had a Covid or Flu test**, please do not come and follow the procedure below for that person.
 - Return to co-op after (1) Seven days since onset of symptoms AND (2) No fever for 48 hours without medication - OR - a negative COVID test
 - If there has been a diagnosis, such as strep or viral, please wait until fever is gone for 48 hours without medication
 - Family members not experiencing symptoms or illness may attend co-op if the person in their family experiencing symptoms doesn't have a fever, Covid or Flu

While at co-op

- Masks are a personal preference during co-op.
- Please wash hands often throughout the day! Encourage your children to wash hands, especially before lunch.
- If you or your child experience any symptoms of illness that begin at co-op, we ask that you go home for the remainder of the day for the safety of everyone.
- To avoid overuse of hand sanitizer, we will be requiring children in kindergarten 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

- You will be notified **by email** if you or your child were in a class with someone who later tested positive for Covid or Flu. You will be encouraged to monitor your kids at that point.
- 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 Kindergarten & 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.