



Aspire High 2020-21 Covid Statement and Policies

There is an inherent risk in all activities, and that risk is significantly heightened during this pandemic. We are mitigating these risks through the policies below, and by maintaining a relatively small, self-contained educational pod of up to 15 students and 1 teacher.

We believe that few risks are more worth taking than providing a vibrant educational environment for our children. Even more than younger children, teens need peer community and engagement to learn who they are and how they fit into the world. We affirm these developmental needs, along with the truth that kids still need to have fun, experience joy, and have a life-affirming school environment during this time.

While we are not sure if we can prevent the spread of a novel virus in even a small community, we will try our best. **Masks will be required at all times indoors, and outdoors when social distancing is not possible.** In addition to great hygiene, excellent indoor spacing, and attention to ventilation, we will spend as much time outdoors as possible, given the students' remote learning academic needs.

We trust that our plan to create an educational community for teens during this time is wise, and send our prayers to those who are hurting during this pandemic. May these times illuminate so much love and beauty in our shared humanity. We are one people, on one planet, with one destiny.

Policies

- Masks will be required indoors, and outdoors when social distancing is not possible
- Great hygienic practices for students, staff, and space
- Temperature and symptom checks upon arrival
- Common Sense precautions (spacing, air flow, etc.)
- Plenty of time outside
- Outdoor classes when possible
- Building strong immune systems through health and vitality
- Students who need to quarantine can participate in classes with Video Technology
- Ask students and families in our program to take full precautions outside of school in order to minimize risk of exposure
- Full Transparency within our community about symptoms, exposure, and testing results
- Students or staff who are ill stay home until symptoms clear for 24 hours without medication
- Students or staff who have significant exposure to Covid (prolonged proximity to a suspected or positive case), stay home for 14 days.
- If significant exposure occurs at school, all classes will be held online for 14 days.
- If governmental organizations or social conditions require that we stop meeting in person, we will meet online until we can meet again in-person.