

2024-2025 Little Wonders Family Health and Safety Expectations

While there will always be some risk in sending a child to school, and many places your family goes outside of Little Wonders (e.g. jobs, childcare, other schools), there are steps each of us can take to reduce our risk of catching and passing on communicable diseases.

To help us with our commitment to provide a positive and playful co-op experience for you and your child, we ask that you review the following family health and safety expectations and discuss them with your household. You will also be asked to confirm your agreement with these policies when you submit your enrollment documents.

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe and healthy!

Vaccinations

- We strongly recommend that all adults, children and staff who attend in-person classes stay up-to-date on all vaccinations recommended by their healthcare provider, including the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Under the California School Immunization Law (California Health and Safety Code, Sections 120325-120375), children are required to receive certain immunizations in order to attend school. Specific timing depends on the age at which the child enters school. Please refer to the CDPH's [Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for Pre-Kindergarten \(Child Care\)](#) for details.
- Little Wonders will collect vaccine records for each child who participates in our program. These records are kept by the school to be available if requested by the County or State.

Infection Control

- Wash your hands well, and often. Hand sanitizer is available in the classroom as an additional option.
- **All parents and children must wash their hands with soap and water upon entering the school and before snack.** You may wash hands with soap and water at either the outside or inside sinks. We also encourage hand washing at the end of class in order to reduce the spread of germs.
- Mask wearing is optional for all adults and children over the age of two.

Illness

A sick child or parent belongs at home. Below are guidelines to follow regarding illness:

1. A child must be fever-free for 24 hours prior to class, without the use of medication (e.g. Motrin / Tylenol / Advil).
2. A cold should be at least four days along, with no new symptoms appearing for 4 days

prior to class. Doctors say that at this point, the cold, runny noses, and coughs are no longer contagious.

3. Please report the outbreak of any communicable disease such as measles, lice, chicken pox, COVID-19, *etc.*, to the school. Teachers will alert the classes via email and post at school.
4. Vomiting and diarrhea are also indicators of potential viral infection, requiring 4 days since the last occurrence before returning to school.
5. Should anyone in your household exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 (*e.g.* cough, shortness of breath, fever/chills, muscle/body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of taste or smell), the currently enrolled child and parent/caregiver should stay home and follow the CDC's guidelines for exposure, isolation, and when to end isolation.
6. The CDC recommends influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations for all children older than 6 months and for their caregivers, in order to reduce the spread of illness. Please discuss with your physician.
7. If your child has allergies or other conditions which produce symptoms that could be mistaken for an illness, please let your class members know, it may reduce worrying.
8. Parents should always use their own good judgment as to whether their child is ready to return to class once these guidelines have been met.

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