

SEABURY'S PANDEMIC SAFETY PACKET



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In order to protect the safety of the Seabury school community during the COVID pandemic, the following protocols have been developed based on guidance from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, the Washington State Health Department, the CDC and WHO. By committing to following these protocols as a community, we are able to provide as safe an environment as possible for our students and make it possible for in-person learning.

Families must return this packet with signatures on pages 2 and 3 in order for your child to attend Seabury in person.

SAFER SCHOOL PLAN DETAILS & PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN



Families can find a link to the Seabury SSP (Safer School Plan) from the seabury.org portal pages or directly at <https://www.seaburyjourney.org/>. This page contains our official Pandemic Response Plan for our regular school operations.

DAILY HEALTH CHECKLIST



It is important that those with any symptoms of illness stay home (children and adults) in order to keep our community safe. By bringing your child to school, you are attesting that you have screened your child at home and that your child is without symptoms that could indicate COVID as listed on the health checklist. You can find a health checklist on the Seabury SSP (Safer School Plan) webpage listed above.

COVID RESPONSE PAGE & UPDATES



We have a COVID RESPONSE PAGE for families to quickly reference the most important notifications sent out regarding COVID-19 closures, changes, and impact to Seabury's operations. This can be found at <https://www.seaburyjourney.org/covidresponse>.



Acknowledgement of Risk

The collective effort and sacrifice of Washington residents staying at home limited the spread of COVID-19. But community transmission of COVID-19 within King, Pierce and surrounding counties continues, including transmission by individuals who are infected and contagious but have no symptoms. Infected persons are contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”), and many are contagious without ever developing symptoms (“asymptomatic”). Pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people are likely unaware that they have COVID-19.

We know that the return to attending school in person is an important step in the resumption of activities. However, the decision by Gov. Jay Inslee and the Department of Health to allow these in-person activities does not mean that attending school or childcare is free of risk. Attending school could increase the risk of the child becoming infected with COVID-19. No sanitation protocol can guarantee complete elimination of risk. The health impacts of COVID-19 are still not fully known or understood, although it is known that there are potentially serious health concerns, including possible fatality. Some children and youth may develop a rare complication that can impact young people who have had COVID-19. It is called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Asymptomatic children may also transmit the illness to others.

Each parent or guardian must determine for themselves if they are willing to take the risk of enrolling their child to physically attend classes including whether they need to take additional precautions to protect the health of their child and others in the household. They should particularly consider the risks to household members who are 65 years or older, or anyone who has an underlying medical condition. Parents and guardians may want to discuss these risks and their concerns with their pediatrician or other health care provider, or to consult such sources as the Center for Disease Control, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>.

Seabury is conscientious about following health protocols and expects full cooperation in this regard. These protocols may also be found at www.seabury.org. All protocols are subject to change and modification depending on evolving information. There may be incidents or activities throughout the school year where a protocol may be modified in the discretion of supervising adults.

I understand the risks associated with my child attending Seabury School in person and agree to assume the risks to my child and my household. I also agree to follow all safety requirements that Seabury imposes as a condition of sending my child. I understand that if my child has a condition that requires a reasonable accommodation related to the safety protocols, I will discuss this with appropriate Seabury personnel prior to them attending in person.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Name of Child/Children

Commitment to a Healthy Community



It is vitally important that each family do their part to ensure the health and safety of the entire Seabury community. This pledge is crucial and includes many aspects. Please initial each item, sign the bottom, and return.

- _____ We understand that families are EXPECTED to ensure healthy habits at home and during non-program hours by following the guidance from local and state health departments, including current guidelines for wearing masks.
- _____ We understand that families must be vigilant about screening their child before coming to campus each day to make sure the child is not exhibiting any symptoms that could be COVID related. Bringing our child to campus is an attestation that we have screened at home using the health checklist and that our child is not exhibiting any symptoms.
- _____ We understand that if our child has been sent home or asked to remain at home due to symptoms of illness or exposure to COVID, our family will be required to consult with our physician and/or the health department, depending upon the circumstances, to determine when and under what circumstances our child can return to school.
- _____ We understand that it is crucial that each family has a plan in place should their child become ill on campus during the program day and that the child must be picked up within one hour of a phone call from Seabury.
- _____ We understand that our family's emergency form must be up-to-date with those who can be called to pick up a child in case parents/guardians are not available. Any changes to that form must be made by calling the Seabury office and/or updating your information in your FACTS account.
- _____ We understand that families are expected to disclose to Seabury if a member of the household has tested positive for COVID or been in close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID. Seabury will work with the family and with physicians and/or the health department to determine whether the child can be at school or needs to quarantine before returning.
- _____ We understand that Seabury will cooperate with the health department in contact tracing in the event of a positive case at one of our campuses.
- _____ We understand that if our child has traveled or attended a gathering or event that elevates the risk of COVID infection, we must contact the office to determine whether a quarantine period is necessary prior to our child returning to school. In the event of quarantine, the child will be asked to remain at home for either 7 days with a negative COVID test between days 3 and 5, or remain at home for 10 days without testing.
- _____ We have read the Parent/Family Handbook and the Pandemic Response Plan.
- _____ We understand that if our child is unable to attend class due to COVID illness or quarantine, the teacher will work with us to provide work for our child while absent from school.

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