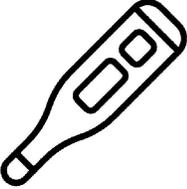


We want to be transparent during our discussion and planning process. The following topics have been discussed as possibilities should we return to school with COVID risk and restrictions.

	<p>Steps to encourage social distancing may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting the number of children working/eating at a table and other learning areas • Adding plexiglass dividers as able • Adjusting group time formats depending on the space in classrooms and class group size. • Alternate time in the outdoor classrooms, so only one group is on each outdoor classroom at a time. • Considering limitations on group sizes in classrooms to allow for easier social distancing.
	<p>Teachers and students are welcome to wear masks in the classroom, but will not be required to do so. All adults will need to wear masks in the common areas on the interior of the school (hallways, adult restrooms, office, conference room). Visitors into the school will be limited only to the front lobby and masks will be required. Face shields are also welcome to be worn in the classrooms, but children will not be required to wear them.</p>
	<p>Frequent handwashing will continue to be encouraged while at Aldrich. Hand sanitizer stations will be available for adult use at drop off and the office. Children will be instructed to wash their hands upon arrival in the classroom. Hands will also be washed before and after eating snack, playing with sensory items (playdough, sensory tub), toileting/diapering, and when returning to the classroom from another space (outdoor classroom, playroom).</p>
	<p>Sensory experiences including playdough, sand, water and other sensory table contents have high educational and experiential value and will continue to take place in the Aldrich classrooms. Due to their hands-on nature, they can also present a higher risk for virus exposure and transmission. Handwashing will be required before and after sensory play.</p> <p>When possible, group size in these learning centers will be limited. Each session will have sensory materials (for example, playdough) assigned for their group only to help with cross contamination. Sensory items that are unable to be sanitized between groups will be shelved for at least 48 hours before another group can use them. Sensory tub use will be alternated between sessions that share a classroom.</p>
	<p>Parents will drop off and pick up their child at one of 5 of our exterior doors on the front of the building. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building except to visit the office during set office hours. While our classrooms have historically had an open door policy to visitors, the pandemic protocol has required us to temporarily halt this practice. This will allow better contact tracing and less cross contamination.</p> <p>Drop off for children will be staggered by classroom so fewer families are in the parking lot at one time.</p>

	<p>Children should only attend Aldrich if they are healthy and able to participate in all portions of the regularly scheduled day, this includes outdoor play. Please monitor your child prior to arrival to ensure they are healthy. If they exhibit a dry cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat, they should be seen by a medical professional to rule out COVID-19 before returning to school.</p> <p>A child may not come to school if he/she or any member of his/her household develops a fever. The child may return to school when the household has been fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication. All children and caretakers will have a temperature check at drop off. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher, the child will not be able to stay at school.</p> <p>If a child or another member of the household tests positive for COVID-19, the child must stay home for at least 14 days.</p>
	<p>Families who travel out of state by plane, train, or bus will be asked to stay home for 14 days and monitor for symptoms prior to returning to school.</p> <p>Families should confirm any additional guidelines or requirements from the state or country they have traveled to.</p>
	<p>Library check out will be closed until further notice.</p>
	<p>There will only be one group of children per classroom per day to allow for thorough cleaning and sanitization between groups.</p> <p>Classrooms are joined with their neighboring classroom with a child size bathroom. These bathrooms will continue to be shared spaces and will be used by both classrooms. Toilets already have partitions, and plexiglass partitions are being installed between the child size sinks. Teachers will monitor the bathrooms for cleanliness and sanitize and disinfect as needed, without children present.</p> <p>Used of shared spaces (Playroom 1 & 2) will be minimized. On inclement weather days, the spaces will be available for use, but will be sanitized between groups. This could mean that not all groups will have access to playroom time.</p> <p>Classrooms may utilize walking field trips more often to take advantage of the outdoor spaces around the school property. Parent permission for such trips will be obtained.</p>
	<p>If a case of COVID-19 is diagnosed within a classroom (child or teacher), we must follow the guidance of Olmsted County Public Health and MN Department of Health for possible closure of the classroom. Currently, policy states that a classroom would need to be closed for 14 days. During that time, tuition will still be due and distance connection opportunities will be offered.</p>