

Warm Springs Early Childhood Center covid safety plan

The Warm Springs Early Childhood Education takes the health and safety of our employees and families very seriously.

With the spread of the coronavirus or Covid-19, the respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, Warm Springs Early Childhood Education must remain vigilant in mitigating the outbreak.

We have been deemed “essential” during this Declared National Emergency. In order to be safe and maintain operations, we have developed this Covid-19 Exposure Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Plan to be implemented, to the extent feasible and appropriate.

Plan elements

Constant disinfection of all toys, high-touch surfaces, and outdoor equipment between individual use as well as the classroom is our new policy.

All of our teachers have been trained on these new Covid-19 guidelines prior to opening our doors and as Centers for Disease Control-Oregon Health Authority guidelines evolve they will be kept up to date on any changes.

Each of our classrooms are considered ‘stable groups,’ meaning they do not have interactions with children or teachers from other classrooms.

Each of our stable groups has a designated pick up/drop off time which is staggered to prevent overcrowding at the front of the build-

ing. If a child misses their drop off time the parent/guardian can enter the building wearing a mask, and a front desk staff member will take the child to their classroom.

We have incorporated Google Classrooms for our Head Start 2020-2021 year and are offering distance learning. The links to these classrooms are on our website at all times, please call for your code to join.

Every parent and guardian will be asked health questions regarding Covid-19. If there is a concerning symptom or answer during those health questions parents and guardians will be instructed to have the child tested and receive a negative Covid test before they can re-enter the building.

Upon entering the building from drop off, playground time, or a walk each classroom has been instructed to wash their hands. Because of the increase in hand washing we have extra handwashing stations throughout the building.

Each class has access to their own bathroom area to ensure there is no secondary mixing of stable groups via high touch surfaces in the stalls or sinks.

During meal times we have eliminated family style meals and each child is given options from all food types by their teacher or teachers that is handled by them alone.

Those staff who are not a part of any of our stable groups are required to be in full PPE and wash and sani-

tize their hands before entering a classroom. This includes staff who are conducting health checks, floaters/roavers, janitorial staff, coaches, visiting parents, ect.

Our janitorial staff disinfect all outdoor equipment between classroom use as well as constantly wipe down all high touch surface areas in the hallways and lobby area. They complete rounds every hour and are assigned to their own designated pod or area within the building.

All staff have been trained to call into the building before their shift to notify the front desk and coordinators if they are experiencing any of the Covid-19 symptoms to prevent contamination.

We are doing ongoing random Covid-19 testing of our staff per Tribal regulations.

These measures have been put in place to ensure that in the event of a positive case within our building that the exposure is limited to a single classroom instead of the entire building. According to the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority guidelines—because we have stable groups with limited access to other classrooms and areas in the event of an exposure—we are only required to close that area while the rest of the building remains open.

We found that disinfecting the entire building ensures the safety of our families and staff in that there is no question if their area was cleaned or not.

In the event that a Covid-19 positive staff member or child is in our building or a staff member or child comes in contact with a Covid-19 positive person outside of work hours, we have a plan in place. This plan includes two scenarios and procedures for potential Covid-19 contamination within our building and they will be broken down as such.

Scenario 1:

In the event one of our teachers, staff or children comes in direct contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 outside of school-child care hours:

We will confirm with IHS and Community Health who the Covid-19 positive person is along with the contamination level of our staff or families.

That person or family will be immediately told to go test and be put on a mandatory two week quarantine.

If any symptoms appear within that 14-day quarantine they will be asked to test again.

They will now be considered presumptive positive. Scenario 2 will be started.

If no symptoms appear within that 14 day quarantine they will be re-admitted into the building with a negative Covid-19 test document submitted.

No notification will be issued to any staff or family as this person is not positive for the virus.

Teachers/staff in the classroom/area are already cleaning, disinfecting, using

gloves, and keeping their distance so no other steps need to be taken.

Scenario 2:

In the event one of our teachers, staff of children tests positive for Covid-19 and has been in their classroom or other building areas:

If a teacher, staff or child who on a mandatory two week quarantine comes back positive we will double confirm their positive with IHS and Community Health.

If a teacher or staff member does a random test and comes back positive we will confirm with IHS and Community Health.

We will assess the child or staff member’s range of exposure within the building and immediately notify families and co-workers who had direct contact with the teacher, staff member or child and instruct them to test and to go into a two-week quarantine.

If an exposure happens in your child’s classroom, you will be notified immediately.

If you do not receive a text or email from us regarding exposure and to be tested then your child or children, and classroom was not exposed to the virus via the Covid-19 positive teacher, staff member or child.

We will immediately contact Russell Graham to notify him that one of our classrooms or other areas has been contaminated with Covid-19 and needs clean-

ing. Our building will be immediately shut down for cleaning.

As soon as our building is clean and given the green light, we will open back up. An email or text will go out to our families informing them of our status. Our website and public calendar will be updated as well.

However, the classroom or area where the contamination occurred will remain shut down for the entire two-week period.

If your child is in Head Start and their classroom is shut down for quarantine online classes will remain in effect for those two weeks to ensure all children have access to their daily lessons.

Please reach out to staff to get access to your child’s online classroom or visit our website for the direct link.

This is a living document and as such plans are subject to change due to evolving CDC/OHA guidelines. The most current information will be updated once we have received it. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 541-553-3242, email or visit us on our website where this document will be posted.

Sincerely,
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My name is Kim Schmith and as a candidate for Jefferson County Commissioner I believe it is vital I be accessible to our communities throughout the campaigning cycle and beyond, to better hear the vision of the residents of Jefferson County.

I have specifically been asked by several people in the Warm Springs community to come and sit, to be publicly available for people



to voice their visions of Jefferson County and how, if I have the honor of serving as Jefferson County Commissioner, I can best serve the people

of Warm Springs.

I'll be sitting at a table diagonally across from the post office on **Thursday, September 24th from 4-5:30pm, Monday, October 5th from 3-4pm, and Wednesday, October 14th from 4-5:30pm.**

People are always welcome to send me an email: kimschmith26@gmail.com.

Please Contact me if there is a specific event you would like me to attend.

Kim Schmith

Toward extension of the Columbia Basin fish accords

Tribal, federal and state officials are negotiating an extension of the Columbia Basin fish accords, but some entities are urging Idaho Gov. Brad Little to not sign anything that could undercut his Salmon Workgroup.

The diverse group of stakeholders is entering the home stretch of its more than one year of meetings, brainstorming and collaboration aimed at delivering a set of salmon recovery policy recommendations to the governor.

The accords, first signed in 2008, are agreements among individual states and tribes and the so-called action agencies—the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration. In part, the states and tribes agreed to publicly support the federal govern-


ment’s plans to blend dam operation with the needs of the fish, and to settle any differences out of court. In exchange, the states and tribes received billions of dollars of funding for salmon recovery projects.

The accords were extended in 2018, but are set to expire next month when the federal government issues its final plan, known as a record of decision, to operate Snake and Columbia river dams in a way that doesn’t put the fish at further risk of extinction.

Little’s Salmon Workgroup is scheduled to deliver a set of policy recommendations in about four months that are expected to aim considerably higher—at actions that could lead to recovery of Idaho’s wild anadromous fish runs to healthy and harvestable numbers.

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