

Coronavirus Updates

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For some of the precautions that Watermark will be taking during the next school year in

light of the virus, please see below

We know that many of you have questions about how *Covid-19* will affect Watermark. The Watermark Leadership team has been actively working on plans and guidelines for 2020-2021 Monday classes. We continue to meet as an admin team, consulting our board of advisors and Watermark's host church, as well as researching what our government leaders are requiring from us and what other schools and co-ops are considering to ensure that we are making the best decisions possible based on the most current information.

We are doing our best to operate as normally as possible, even in these uncertain times. Our goal is to welcome families in the fall to a safe, clean, face-to-face environment. Many have had questions about what classes will look like for our community, and we promise to keep you up to date with any changes that might affect your family as we know more ourselves. Your education journey is important to us, and Watermark is doing everything in our power to create a safe, healthy environment for our students and families to return to. Please reach out to our team if you have any questions regarding next year. We are praying for each of our Watermark families during this time.

Updates to policy made August 23, 2020: At the request of our host facility, the temperature was changed to 99.6 or higher (#2, 7 below) and mask use was changed from recommended to highly recommended (#8 below).

Updates to policy made July 17, 2020: After researching temperature maximums at other schools and homeschool groups and speaking with people in the medical field, temperature (#2, 7) was increased to 100.3 from 99 to be make allowance for the average body temperature range of 97-99.



Watermark Homeschool Enrichment EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN DURING COVID-19

*Please note that these precautions are subject to change as the situation changes.

- 1. Handwashing upon arrival (All parents, students, teachers and staff must wash hands in the front bathrooms before entering classrooms and hallways.)
- 2. Teachers, staff, parents and students are asked to check their temperatures before arriving for classes at Watermark (must read 99.5 or below).
- 3. Clean and disinfect all tables, chairs, light switches, and door handles after each class
- 4. Cleaning logs in each classroom are initialed after classroom cleaning is completed.
- 5. Children are carefully monitored for fever, cough and any flu-like symptoms.
- 6. Watermark staff and families are encouraged to wash their hands regularly.
- 7. Watermark staff, students or family members with a temperature of 99.6 or higher must leave Watermark immediately and may return when they are no longer exhibiting symptoms.
- 8. The use of masks for teachers and staff is highly recommended but not mandated.
- 9. The use of masks for students is solely up to each student's parent.
- 10. Social distancing practices between Watermark participants is encouraged.
- 11.Water fountains are only for filling water bottles and should not be used to drink directly from.