

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for this Spring 2020 Outdoor School session in light of the new novel coronavirus, our first priority is always the safety of students and staff.

We will be following school district guidance related to any school closures, and advise all students, teachers, and staff who are showing symptoms of illness to stay home. Should this result in a cancellation of a school's scheduled week of Outdoor School, we will do our best to reschedule classes during a time that is suitable for students, staff, and facilities.

Our illness-prevention and sanitation procedures will follow recommendations stated by CDC, which include:

- Covering coughs and sneezes.
- Washing hands often, before eating, touching your face, and after coughs and sneezes.
- Sanitizing frequently touched items such as door knobs, handles, and other items.

During a week of Outdoor School, every site has a registered nurse on-call 24/7 who is able to make health-related decisions for students and staff, and will follow exclusion guidance based on recommendations of the CDC, Oregon Health Authority, and the Multnomah County Health Department.

As the situation develops in the coming weeks, we will keep families and school district personnel informed of any changes.

Sincerely,



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