

# Meadowlark Collective Covid Response

We don't take the responsibility that we have in caring for your children during our Collective Days lightly! We are putting together a page you are free to reference throughout this unprecedented time we are living in. Please feel free to check back here as often as you'd like. As always, please email us at [meadowlarkcollectivetr@gmail.com](mailto:meadowlarkcollectivetr@gmail.com) if you have more specific questions.

Our Health Policy can be found [here](#). One of the most effective ways we can love our neighbor in the coming school year is by **adhering strictly to this policy**. *If at any time your child develops symptoms of sickness, however mild, we will notify you to come and pick him up.* Please keep your child at home if you have any reason to believe he will develop symptoms of illness so as to minimize exposure (and prevent an early pick-up for you!).

- It is our intent to resume in-person Collective Days on the first day of school, September 3, 2020. The relational aspect of Meadowlark, between students and between students and their teachers, is one of the foundational philosophies that Meadowlark is built upon, and we are looking forward to being together again in a way that reflects that.
- While our classroom time and whole-school lunch hour will remain the same, we will be building in additional practices and cleaning routines such as: seating students in either family groupings or by class during Collective Time, propping classroom doors open to the outside as weather allows, taking class time outside as frequently as possible, scheduled hand-washing times and wiping surfaces down frequently.
- We will not require that students wear masks unless we are required to by mandate of a state or local government official or our host building, Redeemer Presbyterian. If at any time you feel more comfortable having your child(ren) use a mask please feel free to teach them how to use them appropriately and send them with them. Our teachers will create an environment in the classroom in which a student in a mask will be equally respected and loved.
- We will not be offering hand sanitizer, instead we will ask that teachers increase opportunities to wash hands in the restroom. If you would like your child(ren) to have hand sanitizer please teach them how to use it appropriately and send it in their backpacks.
- The water fountain will be turned off, so remember those water bottles! Students will be welcome to refill them as needed.
- Meadowlark should be notified immediately if a positive Covid test is confirmed in your household. Students and their siblings should remain at home if any family member develops Covid-related symptoms. Please only notify us if you feel like Covid is very likely and you are taking a test.

- If a person from Meadowlark tests positive we will send any potentially affected families an email with non-identifying information regarding the positive case. We will require that students in a family with a positive Covid case stay home from Meadowlark for 2 weeks. We do not intend to begin an e-learning situation with only a single confirmed case, however, if multiple cases occur in a class we may transition to e-learning (for individual classes or multiple classes depending on the situation) for the least amount of time the situation requires. These decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

We have all seen how rapidly information can change, so we will continue to monitor our local situation and will be willing to adjust as necessary. We will also continue to look to other local schools that are similar to Meadowlark (small, private schools and other homeschool co-ops) as a reference point with a heart toward protecting and serving Meadowlark students and families and honoring our local authorities. We trust that the Lord has gone before us and will direct our path. As always, thank you for investing in Meadowlark. We remain so grateful that we get to partner with you in the education of your children.

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# Meadowlark At-Home Learning Plan

In the event of a school-wide outbreak or government mandate to suspend in-person gathering, we will move to online learning for the required amount of time. During that time, parents will be able to access each individual teacher by email and teachers will assist parents as much as is feasible. It is our desire that you would be able to continue educating your children through any missed in-person days with the supplies you have purchased for the year and the guidance of their teachers.

## Lower School (Larks and Finches)

Teachers will send parents lesson plans for each Collective day missed. These plans will include a variety of activities, videos, project ideas that students would have done together in class. The parent is free to implement them at home at their convenience. Teachers may choose to do a class zoom call for socialization purposes or to continue a read aloud.

## Lower Elementary (3/4th)

Teachers will send parents lesson plans for each Collective day missed. These plans will include a variety of recorded lessons, videos, activities and project ideas that students would have done together in class. Teachers will upload videos to Vimeo early in the week and schedule them into student's homework time. Teachers may choose to do a class zoom call for discussion.

## Upper Elementary (5/6th)

Teachers will send parents lesson plans for each Collective day missed. These plans will include a variety of recorded lessons, videos, activities and project ideas that students would have done together in class. Teachers will upload videos to Vimeo early in the week and schedule them into student's homework time. Teachers may choose to do a class zoom call for discussion.

## Middle School (7/8th)

Teachers will send parents lesson plans for each Collective day missed. These plans will include a variety of recorded lessons, videos, activities and project ideas that students would have done together in class. Teachers will upload videos to Vimeo early in the week and schedule them into student's homework time. Teachers will be able to schedule a zoom call with students on Thursdays

to further supplement the learning process. It is possible this class would be able to continue to meet at our host building depending on the circumstances.

### **Upper School (9-12th)**

Due to our small class size and the need for students to complete these class credits, it is our desire to make every effort to continue to meet either in our host building, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, or in one of our homes. Upper School students are very capable of social distancing and wearing masks if absolutely necessary.