



September 1, 2020

Dear Merryhill-Roseville Parents,

We have been informed by Dr. Aimee Sisson, Placer County Director of Public Health, that the State is honoring the original 14-day countdown after removal from the monitoring list. Therefore, we are back on target to re-open our campus on **Tuesday, September 8** as originally planned. Thank you for your understanding of this very fluid situation.

Please be aware of the following modifications and adjustments to our school operations in consideration of the health and well-being of our students, our staff, and their families.

**Hours of Operation** – Our hours of operation:

Due to much stricter cohort guidelines, we will not be able to operate for after school care as we had originally planned.

- PreK -6th Grade 7:00am – 4:30pm

Staff members will be outside from 7:00 - 8:30am for student drop off and starting at 3:30pm for student pick-up. Please call the school at 916-783-3010 if you are dropping off later or will be picking up earlier.

**Building Access** - Only our enrolled students, Merryhill staff and authorized personnel will be allowed in the building. A staff member will escort your child to the classroom once they are signed in. All staff and students will wash their hands upon entering the building.

**Drop-off Procedures** – Parents will be provided a **blue health screening form** each Friday to be filled out and turned in each following Monday morning. A staff member will check your child's temperature curbside. (See second attachment to be used on Tuesday, September 8.) Should your child be absent during the week for any reason, a new blue health screening form must be filled out.

**Pick-up Procedures** – Parents may pull up to the curb between 3:30-4:30pm. You will be provided with a name plate for your dashboard to help us identify your family. A staff member will collect your child for you. If you need to pick-up before 3:30pm, we do require you to please call the office to inform us.

**Health Monitoring** - Upon arrival, temperature and wellness checks will be administered to all staff and students and the following protocols are also in place.

- Sick students and staff are required to stay home and are also encouraged to stay home if there is a member of their household who is sick.

- Refer to drop-off procedures. Additionally, we will verbally ask staff and students if they are experiencing symptoms and will take their temperature with a no-touch thermometer.
- Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above or expressing signs of illness will not be permitted to enter the facility.
- If a student or staff member becomes ill during the school day they will be separated from the class and sent home immediately.
  - Staff/student may return when symptom free without medication for 72 hours
  - Parent/guardian of student or staff are encouraged to check in with their physician
- Parents will be notified immediately should a child show symptoms of illness during the school day and are required to pick up their child as quickly as possible.

**Protective Face Coverings** – Masks must be worn by all staff and students. Masks will be stored in labeled Ziplock baggies at recess, lunch, PE, and PreK nap time as it is acceptable to remove masks for these times. Teachers may take instruction outside from time to time (as weather permits) and with social distancing, masks may be removed. Parents/guardians must wear a protective face covering for drop off and pick up interactions.

**Lunch** – Students will need to bring a lunch each day. Our lunch service will not be offered. Morning and afternoon snacks should also be brought from home as well. Water bottles are encouraged as drinking fountains will be turned off.

**Cleaning and Sanitization** - We have strengthened our cleaning and hygiene practices. Frequent hand washing routines will be in place and part of the daily schedule. High touch surfaces, classrooms, playgrounds, and restroom facilities will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.

We know it's difficult not being able to come into the building to touch base with your child's teacher and see the classroom each day. Our teachers will be posting photos of your child in action and also posting their work on Seesaw. Parents will continue to get a weekly newsletter highlighting all the wonderful things the students are doing. Feel free to email the teachers or message them on Seesaw with any questions or concerns that come up. As always, our staff is committed to supporting our students and their parents.

In closing, please keep in mind that during this pandemic we have seen businesses open and then close again as the health of our community changes regularly. We will use our time wisely while students are on campus as we are fully aware that the situation is fluid and we may be asked to return to distance learning at any time. Rest assured our teachers are ready to pivot and your children will be ready to follow accordingly. We are committed to remaining in communication with you as the situation fluctuates. Thank you in advance for your confidence in us.

We are in this together!

Stay well,

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