



Fall 2022
Updated Covid-19 Masking Policy

Dear Parents,

Over the last two years, Illumination Learning Studio has worked hard to monitor Covid-19 guidance published by the CDC, King County and City of Seattle Department of Health, and Seattle Public Schools. With the cooperation and assistance of our families, teachers, and students we have implemented policies to keep each other healthy and safe. We appreciate your patience, thoughtful communications, and support as we've navigated this unprecedented public health emergency.

After careful consideration for the 2022-23 school year, Illumination Learning Studio will be moving to a "mask optional" policy beginning in September.

Our revised Covid-19 policy incorporates SPS guidance and recent updates to CDC guidance for educational settings. We recognize that all families are different, and some may have immunocompromised loved ones at home. We ask you to encourage your child to practice the measures you feel are safest for your family.

Beginning in September, students will have the option to wear masks both indoors and outdoors. Regardless of vaccination status we ask students and teachers to follow the below guidance:

Known Exposure to Covid-19

If a student or teacher is exposed to Covid-19, we ask that they wear a mask as soon as they find out they were exposed. [See CDC guidance on exposure here.](#)

- Day 0 is the day of their last exposure to someone with Covid-19. Day 1 is the first full day after the last exposure.
- Wear a mask while at Illumination Learning Studio for 10 days.
- Watch for symptoms including a fever (100.4 F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, or other [Covid-19 symptoms](#).
- If symptoms develop, begin isolation and get tested. We ask that the student or teacher does not return to ILS until the test results are received and negative.
- If no symptoms develop, get tested on Day 6 following the last day of exposure.
- If you test negative continue masking through day 10.



Ending Isolation After Covid-19

- If you had Covid-19, but did not have symptoms, end isolation after Day 5 following positive test result.
- If you had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5 if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your symptoms are improving.
- If you still have a fever or other symptoms are not improving, continue to isolate until they improve.

Removing Mask After Covid-19

After you have ended isolation and symptoms have resolved, continue to wear a mask through day 10. A student or teacher may remove their mask sooner than day 10 if they receive two sequential negative results from antigen tests taken 48 hours apart.

We ask for your assistance and continued communication – if your child tests positive please let us know as soon as possible. Our families and teachers will be alerted immediately to known exposures in programming.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions. Thank you again for your partnership in keeping our families and teachers healthy in the new school year!