

COVID19 RESPONSE - WHAT TO EXPECT ON A FLAME DAY

Attendance: Participants will be expected to have their temperatures taken before leaving their homes every FLAME morning. Those with a digestive issue, runny nose, cough, or temperature at or above 100.4F should not attend FLAME classes. Participants that have recovered from a fever or illness need to be symptom free for at least 72 hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before class day on Friday).

Class Time: FLAME Staff will be working very hard to set up classrooms between 8:30-9AM. Students will be expected to go directly to their assigned classrooms and will be in those same classrooms for art, music, and drama all morning. Students will be assigned seating spaces in the classrooms. To cut down on hallway traffic, teachers will be rotating into the classrooms. Time will be provided between classes for surface and spot cleaning, breaks, and socializing. A more thorough cleaning will take place at the end of each FLAME day. Classes may take place outside on good weather days at the discretion of the PAC.

Masks: FLAME is required to follow Dane County Public Health's requirements and masks must be worn at FLAME if the order is still in effect. Personal opinions regarding mask wearing must be left at home and respect and honor given while participating in FLAME. If masks are still required by the time FLAME classes begin, the CDC requires mask breaks for eating and drinking. Masks must be reapplied after eating and drinking. Masks may be removed if classes take place outside, but appropriate distancing will need to be observed. Lanyards/clips may be encouraged for participants to attach masks to clothing so masks are not lost, dirtied, etc.

Mask Wearing Exemption: Prior to participating in FLAME, any participant refusing to wear a mask for medical reasons shall be required to notify FLAME of participant's intent to claim a mask wearing exemption. For medical privacy reasons, the participant will not be required to prove or furnish written evidence as to the specific reasoning behind such participant's mask wearing exemption; mere notification is sufficient. However, prior to participating in FLAME, the parent/guardian of the participant must also make arrangements to meet with FLAME's leadership team to establish an individualized instruction plan for the participant. FLAME will attempt to make reasonable accommodations for this participant, space permitting. It is possible that the participant may not be able to participate in some or all of FLAME's activities (or that participant's method of participation may need to be altered) to protect the safety of other students and staff. Any participant's failure to notify FLAME in advance of the participant's intent to claim a mask wearing exemption may result in the participant's inability to participate in FLAME activities.

Gym Use: Currently, at Life Center, the gym will not be available for use during FLAME hours. We are very sorry for this inconvenience, but would like to remind families that FLAME participants are at FLAME for enrichment in the arts. Physical activity will have to take place outside of FLAME hours.

Nursery Use: The nursery may be available to parents upon request. Appropriate distancing and mask-wearing guidelines will need to be observed. Children ages 5 and under do not need to wear masks. Signing in and out of the nursery will be required. Additional cleaning will be required by those families who use the nursery.

COVID-19 Room: Any student that comes down with symptoms during FLAME hours will be isolated in a designated room. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible to pick up the student.

COVID-19 Cases: A COVID-19 waiver form will be signed at the time of registration, removing liability from FLAME. If any FLAME participant is diagnosed with COVID-19 during the FLAME year, FLAME will be cancelled for 2 weeks following the last date of exposure to other students/staff; and the health of all participants monitored at home.

Government Agency Guidelines: Students, staff, and parents agree to follow any mandatory guidelines from CDC, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Public Health Madison & Dane County (“Government Agency Guidelines”). FLAME’s guidelines shall be superseded by any mandatory Government Agency Guidelines that are more restrictive in nature. It is the responsibility of parent(s) to be aware and make sure their student(s) are aware of any mandatory Government Agency Guidelines and to ensure their compliance therewith.

Guidelines Subject to Change: Because of the changing nature of the guidelines surrounding COVID-19, FLAME’S COVID-19 Guidelines are subject to change without notice.