

## Updated Covid-19 Policy:

- Temperature checks are mandatory. Students should arrive knowing their temperature
  - Masks:
    - Bring TWO masks, in case one gets wet. Masks should fit well all around - over the nose and under the chin, snug on cheeks.
    - Wearing at all times: others don't know that a person is "in your bubble"
  - Pods:
    - Don't socialize across pod groups
  - Eating
    - No snacks Tuesday-Friday
    - Monday cooking facilitated by a teacher, with sanitizing and handwashing protocols
- Good rule of thumb: Assume EVERYONE has Covid-19 and behave accordingly: ie. ZERO CONTACT Lifestyle.
- Should we be informed by the HRCHD or the LPHA that a student or staff member with a positive Covid-19 case was in attendance at optional in-person activities, all students and their families who might have been exposed to said student or staff member will be notified directly by Wildwood staff with the explicit direction of the HRCHD.
- Should we be informed by the HRCHD or the LPHA that a student or close contact (family member) of a student was exposed to Covid-19, and subsequently attended optional in-person activities, we will communicate with the Wildwood community should the HRCHD deem it necessary.
- Our school, as every school (public and private) is working with our local health department and following the guidance they provide as we navigate our responses to the pandemic.

**Self-Isolation and Testing:** Required if you have left the Gorge area or have had visitors from outside our local community. Examples: went to a beach house for the weekend with friends/family outside of your bubble, had a family member visit from California, drove to Spokane for Thanksgiving with family.

- Mandatory 14-day isolation (don't come to in-person activities)
- Alternative to isolation period:
  - Two negative Covid-19 tests (PCR tests ONLY - rapid tests, antibody tests, and/or antigen tests are NOT an option) taken at least 5 days apart, upon your return or after exposure to visitors.
- Families who don't follow this protocol will be asked to refrain from participating in in-person activities for the remainder of the school year.

## Exemptions to the 14-day isolation/PCR testing policy:

- If you leave the Gorge area on an essential trip (picking up something at Ikea in Portland, visiting the orthodontist in Portland), and you are taking all expected precautions (masking, distance, etc.).
- If you leave the Gorge area for holiday but do not come into significant contact with anyone outside of your bubble (i.e. going to the coast to stay in a house with just your family).

- If your work takes you outside the Gorge area, but you have not taken an airplane or shared transportation with someone outside of your bubble.
- Portland families registered at Wildwood can attend classes, providing they follow all other guidelines.

This is an incredibly complex situation and we appreciate your patience, support, and understanding as we navigate and adapt to these often murky waters. If you have further questions or concerns, or if we have not addressed your personal, unique situation, please reach out at [victoria@wildwood-academy.org](mailto:victoria@wildwood-academy.org) or [admin.assist@wildwood-academy.org](mailto:admin.assist@wildwood-academy.org).

### **Risk Level Guidelines:**

*Beginning December 3rd, the state of Oregon will adopt the following "[Risk Level Guidelines](#)". Hood River County is currently a "[Extreme Risk](#)" location based on Covid-19 testing metrics.*

### **Oregon's current travel policy:**

*To fight the rapid spread of COVID-19, the governors of Oregon, Washington and California issued travel advisories urging visitors entering their states or returning home from travel outside these states to self-quarantine. The advisories urge against non-essential out-of-state travel, ask people to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving from another state or country, and encourage residents to stay local.*

*[Oregon's travel advisory](#) does not apply to people who cross state borders for "essential travel," including work, study, critical infrastructure support, supply chains, economic services, health, immediate medical care and safety and security.*