

### **WES SEEK/Youth COVID-19 Policies and Procedures**

As we welcome members and families back to the Washington Ethical Society, we would like to share some guidelines/protocols that are in place to keep us all safe during this time. It is our priority to ensure the health and safety of all who participate in SEEK/Youth programming. The following policies and procedures have been created at the recommendation of the Center for Disease Control and DC Department of Health.

Per the DC Department of Health & CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

#### **Physical Distancing Strategies**

1. As much as possible, children, staff, and volunteers will stay with their assigned age group and not mix with other groupings of classes.
2. As much as possible, children, staff and volunteers will attempt to maintain a 6 foot distance or 2 arm lengths from each other.
3. During drop-off before the platform and during pick-up after platform, families will, as much as possible, maintain a 6 foot distance or 2 arm lengths from other families.



### **Health and Safety Measures**

1. A health screening questionnaire must be completed for children prior to arrival to WES. A Calendly link will be shared in advance to collect this information.
2. All staff, volunteers, and children 2 years old and older will be required to wear a cloth face covering during drop-off and while in assigned age groups. Families drop-off/picking-up children will also be required to wear a cloth face covering.
3. All staff, volunteers and children will engage in healthy hygiene habits before entering a classroom or outdoor spaces, while transitioning between activities and before leaving the classroom. This could be done through handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not readily available, all participants will use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

### **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

As recommended by the CDC, the following cleaning/sanitizing procedures will be taking place:

- Cleaning/sanitizing high touch surfaces often. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Toys and materials that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will be removed from classroom spaces. Toys that are mouthed or contaminated with any bodily secretions or excretions will be set aside to be cleaned by someone who is wearing gloves.