

Northwoods Forest School

Health and Safety Agreement

At Northwoods Forest School, the health and safety of our participants are a top priority. This agreement outlines the expectations for families to ensure the well-being of all children, staff, and volunteers in our program. By signing this agreement, you commit to supporting these policies and practices.

Illness Policy

To maintain a healthy environment, we require families to adhere to the following guidelines.

Symptom-Free Attendance

Children must stay home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 99.4°F or higher within the past 24 hours.
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours.
- Persistent coughing, difficulty breathing, or other signs of illness.
- Rash or skin conditions of unknown origin.
- Any contagious condition such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, pneumonia, or COVID-19.

Notification of Illness:

Parents/guardians must notify Northwoods Forest School staff if their child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness.

Families are encouraged to inform staff of any potential exposure to contagious illnesses within their household.

Returning to Program:

Children may return to the program once they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and are cleared by a healthcare provider if needed.

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Emergency Contact Information

Families must provide up-to-date emergency contact information. Parents/guardians must remain reachable during program hours in case of an emergency.

Allergies and Medical Needs

To ensure safety, parents/guardians must:

- Disclose any allergies, medications, or medical conditions their child has.
- Provide necessary medications (e.g., EpiPens, inhalers) labeled with the child's name and usage instructions.
- Communicate any changes to their child's health or medical needs as soon as possible.

Outdoor Preparedness

Our program is outdoors in all weather conditions, except in cases of extreme weather. Families must:

- Ensure children are dressed appropriately for the forecast (e.g., rain gear, insulated boots, layers).
- Provide a water bottle labeled with the child's name.
- Check weather conditions daily and prepare children accordingly.

Accidents and Injuries

Northwoods Forest School staff are trained in basic first aid and CPR. In the event of an accident or injury:

• Basic first aid will be administered on-site.

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- If further medical attention is needed, staff will contact the parent/guardian and emergency services, if necessary.
- Parents/guardians will be notified of all injuries requiring more than minor first aid.

Behavioral Safety

To maintain a safe and positive environment, families are expected to:

- Support program policies around behavior and respect for others.
- Discuss program rules with their child to ensure understanding.
- Address any concerns raised by staff regarding their child's behavior.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Northwoods Forest School Health and Safety Agreement. I agree to adhere to the policies outlined and to support the health and safety of all participants.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: City/State/ZIP: Email:	Phone:
Emergency Contact Information:	
Name: Phone:	

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Child Information:	
Name:	Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Signature:	Printed Name:
Date:	

Thank you for supporting the health and safety of the Northwoods Forest School community. Together, we can create a thriving, safe environment for all children.