



Our COVID Procedures

Safety and health are of utmost importance at Soaring Starts. Soaring Starts takes the following precautions for every in-person public program to guard against the spread of COVID-19 and other transmissible diseases:

How We Help Keep Students Safe

- Teaching Artists must be vaccinated against COVID-19
- Teaching Artists must conduct a health pre-screen prior to conducting a program
- Teaching Artists must be masked and travel with hand sanitizer
- Teaching Artists wash their hands every hour when conducting a program
- Teaching Artists must take the temperature of all program participants prior to class
- Student manipulatives are used sparingly
- Any student manipulatives used are assessed and disinfected before and after use
- No material sharing between students for the full duration of the program
- No student or teacher food distribution, sharing, or consumption during class

Soaring Starts also partners with AirPhx technology to provide a portable AirPhx unit for the duration of each indoor lesson of a public program. AirPhx systems are quiet, self-contained disinfection systems that oxidize contagions in the air and on surfaces. While still undergoing studies, recent testing has found AirPhx is effective in eliminating COVID-19, in addition to contagions that cause colds, flus, and infections. Safe for use in any location, these systems have successfully been used to address and eliminate bacteria and viruses in healthcare facilities, gyms, daycares, large scale arenas, and more. For more information on AirPhx, visit <https://airphx.com>.

How You Help Keep Students Safe

Students and adults ages 3+ are required to wear a mask for the full duration of our programming, and we strongly encourage mask wearing for children ages 24-35 months as well.

Each student and/or adult participating in the program must wait to have their temperature taken upon arrival and/or drop-off. Anyone displaying a temperature greater than 99.5° will not be permitted to join class. We are happy to work with families to reschedule classes as needed should this occur.

Parents and caregivers of program participants are obligated to notify Soaring Starts if any family or household members contract COVID-19 or show symptoms of COVID-19. This obligation begins from the first day of a participant's class experience, through 14 days following their last class day.

Should federal, state, or local regulation or policy changes make ending an in-person program necessary, all public programs will be moved to an online format.

How We Address Exposure

If a program participant, an immediate family member, or instructor exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during a program:

- All families will be notified immediately that there may have been a possible exposure.
- The affected participant(s) can only return to class with proof of a negative COVID-19 test that is no more than 72 hours old.
- Soaring Starts reserves the right to cancel, postpone, and/or move in-person programming to an online platform, for two weeks to permit for quarantine procedures. Should a program be cancelled due to COVID-19 exposure, Soaring Starts cannot guarantee that it will provide a makeup option for every cancelled programming day. However, Soaring Starts will make every reasonable effort to provide a makeup option, reschedule students, or provide class credits for future programs in such an event.