



Cherry Gulch Infectious Disease Policy and Procedures

Physical and emotional safety for both Students and staff at Cherry Gulch are of the highest priority. Please refer to the following policy that has been developed to manage the exposure, contagion, and spread of infectious disease, particularly those that are respirational and viral in nature.

Prevention

- Students and staff are discouraged from traveling and must report to management if you have traveled outside the US, Washington State, or high outbreak locations.
- Prior to admission, a prospective student/guardian or a returning student/guardian will complete an infectious disease screening form. A person who is currently showing signs and symptoms of an infectious disease will not be admitted to Cherry Gulch until the symptoms dissipate and that person has been determined to no longer be contagious. Such determination is to be made by a licensed physician.
- Upon admission/return, all Students undergo an exam completed by our Medication Assistive Personnel. Prior to admission / return to campus, student must complete Infectious Disease Questionnaire and be approved by our admissions team or executive director.
- We will require a 14-day preventative quarantine as recommended by CDC and WHO guidelines for all students returning to or entering the CG program. This will be an off-site location monitored and staffed by our employees. Further details can be provided upon request.
- Staff will take temperatures with our nursing department upon arrival of shift, asking travel and illness related questions. (A temperature of 100.4 is considered a fever). Same protocol will apply to vendors who have to conduct work on CG campus at this time.
- Students will take temperatures with our nursing department daily and also will be asked illness related questions.
- Staff who are showing signs and symptoms of an infectious disease will not be permitted on any Cherry Gulch property and will be asked to take leave until they have been cleared by a licensed physician to be no longer contagious.
- Visitors who are showing signs and symptoms of an infectious disease will not be permitted on any Cherry Gulch property. (At this time CG is not permitting any visitors).
- Students and staff are encouraged to not spend time with people who are sick.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands often using soap and water.
- Students and staff are encouraged to use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Students and staff will be required to wash and sanitize their hands prior to eating any meal and snack.
- Students and staff should avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Students and staff should cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or the equivalent when they cough or sneeze. The tissue or its equivalent should be discarded immediately. If a tissue is not available, one should cough or sneeze in their upper sleeve or elbow.
- Students and staff will clean frequently touched objects with disinfectant.
- Students will be given hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes when travel is permitted on outings.
- Students and staff will clean transport vehicles before and after use with disinfectant.

- Students individual hygiene items will be monitored and replaced as needed or sooner if symptoms present.
 - Replace toothbrushes bi-monthly.
 - Bleaching water containers weekly
 - Washing bedding weekly
- Students and staff will be continuously monitored for any signs or symptoms affiliated with an infectious disease.
- If a student becomes positive for COVID-19 Cherry Gulch will continue to provide supervision and remain with the child until relieved by parent/guardian. Quarantine guidelines will be in place for staff post care of a student with COVID-19.
- If a student is hospitalized we will continue to provide supervision if permitted and until a custodial parent arrives while following all medical care guidelines.

Identification and Treatment

In the event that a Student or staff show signs and symptoms that are positive for an infectious disease the following protocol will be followed:

- Staff will be sent home immediately and will not be permitted back onto Cherry Gulch property until they have been declared contagion free from a licensed physician.
- A licensed healthcare professional, in collaboration with the Cherry Gulch Medical Director, will determine if individual isolation or quarantine is indicated. We will follow all guidelines from the CDC and our local health department (Southwest District Health).
- Isolation is defined as the separation or restriction of activities of an ill person with a contagious disease from those who are well.
- Quarantine is defined as the separation or restriction of movement of well persons who might have been exposed to a communicable disease while determining if they become ill.

Isolation and quarantine at Cherry Gulch protocol is as follows:

Isolation:

- Student who presents with infectious symptoms will be separated from other Students. The Student will reside in separate designated area on campus (Music Room at Cherry Gulch) or off campus if indicated (Please contact Katie Rienstra for further information katier@cherrygulch.org).
- They Student will begin symptom checklist every 4 hours and follow all medical recommendations.
- The Student should use a separate bathroom, if available. (Portable restrooms, handwashing stations and showers have been reserved).
- Student will wear a facemask when around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before they enter a healthcare provider's office. If the Student is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then staff should wear a facemask if they have contact with the infected Student.
- The Student must cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. Used tissues should be thrown away in a lined trash can. They will immediately wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap and water are not available, clean hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- The Student should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people at Cherry Gulch. After using these items, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.
- Clean high touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood,

stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions that should be taken when applying the product, such as wearing gloves, mask and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

- If the Student has a medical emergency and you need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that they have, or are being evaluated for a viral respiratory infection. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive.
- Staff caring for the Student will use gloves and a mask. They will be asked to wash and sanitize hands before entering other areas of the house or being around other Students or staff.
- The decision to discontinue isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments, after which the Student can return to normal programming.

Quarantine:

- Upon notification of a positive test for COVID-19 or a student has signs and symptoms, Cherry gulch will enact the following protocols:
 - o Well students will be immediately separated from ill person
 - o The Music Room will be opened for immediate move of symptomatic student. Further assessment of student and environment will be enacted as stated above.
 - o All students who test positive or become symptomatic will be moved into the music room / off campus site in order to attempt to keep the virus from spreading.
 - o Only assigned personnel will be allowed in the music room / off campus site with students who test positive.
 - o The music room / off campus site will be cleaned daily and sanitized a minimum of 2 times per day.
 - o A modified staffing schedule will be enacted. Primary concern will be safety and supervision of students. Academic and Clinical teams will be filling in for residential needs.
- 1. Downstairs lodge:
 - a. Building will be immediately closed to all personnel and students. Cherry Gulch will have the building professionally cleaned by cleaning services.
 - b. The building will only be opened to those approved by management to meet the needs of students ie: Meal preparation, medication, front office / administration.
 - c. No students or personnel will be allowed in the DS lodge until the quarantine lifted on campus.
 - d. In a rare circumstance, it may be deemed necessary to move kitchen services to a second location to ensure proper hygiene / infection protocol.
- 2. Living Arrangements (Upper Lodge, Bunk and Farmhouse):
 - a. Any students who do not test positive or remain asymptomatic but were sharing a room / building with a student who did test positive will stay in their respective dormitories.
 - b. All other students will remain in the respective dormitories until such time we are unable to contain exposure or quarantine can be lifted.
 - c. No students may enter other dormitories or common areas of other buildings.
 - d. A modified schedule will be devised at that time.
 - e. Outside time will be assigned and rotated through the dormitories.
 - f. Dormitories will be cleaned daily and sanitized a minimum of 2 times per day.

3. The School House
 - a. Building will be immediately closed to all personnel and students. Cherry Gulch will have the building professionally cleaned by cleaning services.
 - b. Academic services will be evaluated at this time.
4. Designated Vehicle
 - a. The Silver Journey #3 is the designated vehicle to be used to transport students to and from the doctors/hospital.
 - b. The student shall wear a mask in the vehicle. If unable to do so the staff will wear a mask.
 - c. The Journey will be wiped down after each transport:
 - i. Steering wheel
 - ii. Handles
 - iii. Radio / Control Dials
 - iv. Console
 - v. All interior arm and head rest
5. Taking students to get tested for COVID-19
 - a. Cherry Gulch will take students to the nearest testing facility when they are experiencing the following symptoms:
 - i. Fever over 100.4
 - ii. Cough
 - iii. Shortness of Breath
 - iv. Complaints of any respiratory symptoms