



## **COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols**

The **Elementary Institute of Science** is committed to creating a safe learning environment for all students and staff. To ensure the health and safety of our community, we adhere to:

### **Daily Health Screening**

- Daily temperature checks will be conducted on students by EIS staff using a touchless forehead thermometer. If a fever of 100° F or higher is detected, they will not be permitted to enter the building for that day.
- A questionnaire will be verbally confirmed daily with the parents and students. If the student is experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, we kindly ask that they be kept home to limit exposure to other students and our staff. Failure to comply with these policies may result in dismissal from the program.
- Students and staff will be required to wear a 2-layer mask or facial covering over both their mouth and nose at all times, unless when eating/drinking. We kindly ask that parents provide these masks for their students. In the event that a student forgets their mask or something happens to the one they are wearing, EIS will have a limited number of disposable masks that they can provide.

### **Stopping the Spread of the Virus**

- Commonly used surfaces such as countertops, door handles, and light switches will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily with a surface disinfectant.
- All classrooms and outdoor areas will be equipped with multiple hand sanitizer dispensers at all times. Students should also wash their hands at the sinks in the classrooms and/or in the restrooms throughout the day.
- Sanitizing wipes and surface disinfectant will be used by staff to clean lab equipment and materials. When possible, students will each be given their own set of supplies for the day/week to avoid sharing of supplies.
- Student restrooms will be disinfected a minimum of three times a day.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between students should always be maintained inside the classroom and outside during lunch breaks and at check-in/pick-up.
- To prevent large gatherings of students, lunch breaks will be staggered, and we will have specific instructions for drop-off/pick-up procedures.
- Class sizes will be limited to 8-10 students and 2 EIS instructors. Groups will remain the same every day (ie. not rotating through different classes) to limit the variability of individuals in the classroom.
- EIS will not provide food for students. Students must bring their own non-perishable lunch and snacks each day, along with a refillable water bottle. Please label each item with the student's name. Water fountains will be operational as bottle refill stations only, and students will be asked to refrain from drinking from the fountain directly.