

EEU Re-Opening

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Thank you

Thank you to the EEU children, families and staff for your patience as we prepared for re-opening during these challenging circumstances.



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The challenges we have all faced

- > Choices
- > Safety
- > Loss
- > Transition



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The challenges families have faced

- > Becoming home school educators
- > Advocating for you child's needs
- > Struggling with employment and food security



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The challenges the staff has faced

- > Learning more effective method of providing remote instruction
- > Preparing for re-opening while starting remote learning
- > Development of new plans for the way we do everything



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Decision to provide in-person services

- > Guidance from partners (i.e., City of Seattle, Seattle Public Schools, UW)
- > Experience providing Emergency Childcare
- > Plan the meets public health guidance
- > Consideration of child learning and family support



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A closer look at the EEU COVID-19 Plan

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Classroom Environment

- > Removal of items that cannot be disinfected easily (i.e., fabric items, stuffed animals, sensory table, etc.)
- > Individual bins for child crayons, markers, scissors, glue and paint to reduced shared materials
- > Toys that have been mouthed by a child immediately placed in a bin label "NEED TO CLEAN" before other children are permitted to use
- > Furniture and toys cleaned and disinfected after use (such as snack), transitions, and at the end of class

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Cleaning & Disinfecting

- > Disinfectant (bleach solution mixed daily)
- > Minimum of 2 minutes contact time
- > Based on current recommendations from public health



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Hygiene Practices

- > Hand washing will be required upon entry to the classroom, after using the bathroom, prior to transitions across activities involving shared materials or food and after eating or drinking
- > Hand Sanitizer available in all classrooms, gym and play court
- > Classroom staff required to wear gloves when handling food, supporting self-help needs such as hand washing and toileting, care for injury
- > Gloves will be available to staff at all times



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Personal Protective Equipment

- > Face coverings required for staff and children 5 years and older
 - Unless eating and/or if a medical condition or disability prevents
 - We encourage all children to wear masks if they tolerate it.
- > Face shields and gowns are available for staff working 1:1 with children
- > Disposable gloves for supporting children with hand washing, toileting, diapering, providing care for injury and holding hands
- > Free-standing Plexiglass dividers for working one-on-one



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



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Air Quality

- > Confirmation of EEU HVAC system meeting standards
- > Medical grade air purifier for all classrooms
- > Canopies on each classroom play court for increased outdoor learning
- > Reduced furniture



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Active Play

- > Play Court and Gym areas will be used as regularly scheduled active play areas
- > Schedule allows for 15 minutes between groups to disinfect equipment



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Social & Physical Distancing

- > Social Distancing (6 feet separation) will be maintained whenever possible
- > Social distancing exceptions:
 - Supporting children with self-help: handwashing, toileting and diapering * (gloves required)
 - Providing physical prompts
 - Providing care for injury * (gloves required)
 - Walking with children and/or holding a child's hand
- > Gloves recommended any time social distancing cannot be maintained



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Social & Physical Distancing - Markings

- > Building doors (entry and exit)
- > Play Court
- > Gym



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Meals and Food Service

- > Meals will consist of mostly pre-packaged items
- > There will be no shared utensils, bowls, pitchers dishes
- > Paper products (bowls, dishes, etc.) will be used
- > All meals will be provided and consumed in classrooms
- > Limit the number of children eating at one time to ensure that social distancing can be maintained



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Reduction of individuals in the building

- > Haring Center staff (not working in classrooms) will work remotely
- > Suspension of undergraduates, interns and volunteers on site
- > Suspension of guests, visitors, and tours
- > Parent/Guardian drop off at the door
- > Children to attend on an A/B schedule
 - Children will attend two days per week
 - Either Mon/Tues or Thurs/Fri

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Screening

- > All staff will complete screenings before or as they enter the building.
- > All families will complete screening of their child and verbally confirm that it has been completed at drop off or prior to placing the child on the bus.
- > Thermometers will be available at the EEU if any employee or child has forgotten to do this at home.



Screening Questions

- > Screening questions include:
 - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - Are you experiencing any fever, chills, muscle pain or headaches?
 - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - Have you had a loss of taste or smell?
 - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- > Do you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees F. or higher
- > If you answer yes to any questions you must stay home



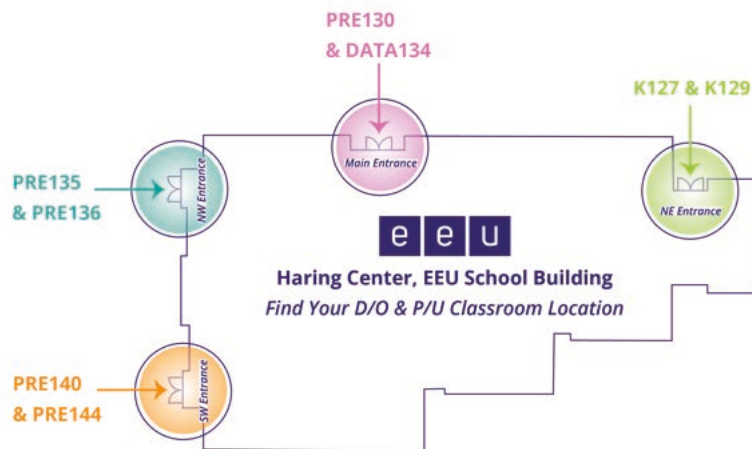
Drop Off/ Pickup

- > Parent/Guardians who are dropping off/picking up will go to designated door to meet classroom staff
- > Children will enter the building one at a time
- > Classroom staff will support children from the bus to the classroom



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Designated Doors



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Exposure Response Procedure

- > Anyone who is sick should stay home and away from others until:
 - at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared **AND**
 - they have had no fever for at least 72 hours (three full days without the use of medicine that reduces fever) **AND**
 - other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- > If an employee or child exhibits symptoms upon arrival or while at the facility Immediately separate the individual from others (Quarantine area)



Exposure Response Procedure

- > **If a staff member or child tests positive for COVID-19**
 - We will inform all staff and families who had close contact with the individual
 - All staff and children must stay home and watch for symptoms for 14 days if they had close contact with the individual while they were showing symptoms, or in the 48 hours before symptoms began.
 - School will be closed so that deep cleaning can take place after at least 24 hours after any individual entered or exited the building



Management & Oversight

- > COVID-19 Plan available online <https://eeuschool.org/>
- > Site Supervisors:
 - Chris Matsumoto (School Principal and Associate Director)
 - Susan Ramage (School Nurse/Family Support)
 - Babie Jahmid (Assistant to the Associate Director)
 - Carolyn Cottam (Family Support)
- > Symptom tracking
- > Incident reports
- > COVID Reports: call 206-543-4011 or email eeu-office@uw.edu



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The hybrid model requires...

- > **Commitment from the community**
- > **Safe behavior and taking precautions in and out of school**
- > **Staying home when you are sick or have symptoms**
- > **Communicating illness to the school so that proper action can be taken**
- > **Keeping each other safe so we can continue the school year**



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Commitment to the families

- > **Safety first**
- > **Adherence to COVID-19 plan**
- > **Communication of incidents or issues**
- > **Decision-making that centers on children, families, staff and community**

