

Planning for a Healthy and Safe 2021/22 School Year

Dear Spring Garden Community,

We have been continually impressed with our community's strength, courage and resilience during this demanding school year with many challenges. Thank you for your patience, your diligence and your kindness during these times.

The 2021-22 school year will be Spring Garden's 40th year in operation. We are actively working to ensure that no matter what may arise in the shifting health landscape this coming school year, Spring Garden Waldorf School will be ready to serve our students, maintain the health of our community, and act efficiently and responsibly.

Here is some important information to note about our 2021/22 school year:

- SGWS is following the [updated CDC guidelines](#) for K-12 schools. In doing so, our goal is to maintain an in person schedule while tracking the trajectory of the virus in our school and the greater community.
- The updated CDC guidelines detail an effective operational strategy for how K-12 schools can be open safely for in person instruction. These guidelines include consistent implementation of mitigation strategies such as masking, distancing, contact tracing, implementation of voluntary testing of symptomatic students and screening of school community, consideration of indicators of community transmission, and phased prevention strategies based on levels of community transmission. Read the full guidelines here at [CDC.gov](#).
- For the 2021-22 school year, grades students will return to our traditional schedule (in lieu of trimesters) and our faculty will teach all subjects to all students year round.
- We will continue to offer remote learning for grades classes and students who may need to quarantine or isolate.
- Decisions to quarantine a class will be made, as they are now, by the SGWS Administration working with guidance from Summit County Health Department.
- Since we are now following CDC guidelines for operation, we will no longer use the Ohio Public Health Advisory System to determine learning mode. Effective immediately, the decision to move to fully remote learning due to viral transmission concerns in our local and immediate school community will be made by the SGWS Board of Trustees based on a recommendation from SGWS Administration. School administration will keep abreast of trends in the school and greater community and be in consultation with Summit County Health Department and our Health and Safety Advisory Committee in making recommendations to the Board regarding school closure.

The faculty and administration will continue to plan for the coming school year and will update the community as new information becomes available. Please contact [Tracy Edwards](#) with any specific questions. We are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year as a year of hope, community, and healing.

In gratitude,

Tracy Edwards

Director of Administration