

Safety Protocols 2021/2022 School Year

We will be constantly updating our safety protocols as CDC, state and local healthcare guidelines are published and/or updated.

Face Coverings:

- Face coverings that cover the mouth and nose are required for all individuals over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status at all times when at Rootz. Exceptions include: eating, outdoor activities (including backyard classes), or pre-approved circumstances by the Rootz Management Team.
- We will be lenient with children ages 2-3 as we understand from experience that it is difficult to keep them properly masked.

Cleaning: High traffic areas and surfaces will be disinfected regularly, frequent handwashing will be encouraged, and hand sanitizer will be readily available.

Air Quality: HVAC systems have been configured to constantly circulate air, procedures are in place to increase fresh airflow from outside, and free standing HEPA air purifiers are operated in classrooms where possible.

Drop Off Procedures:

- Park and Escort to Class:** Please park in either the front or rear parking lot and escort your child to their classroom door.
- Drop Off (Children Ages 6+):** Please drive along the south end of the parking lot (along the highway) past Pavilion and pull up in front of Rootz, or slightly past Rootz if there is space available. Please do not block the entrances/cross walks to other businesses when dropping off.

Pick Up Procedures:

- Park and Escort from Class:** Please park in either the front or rear parking lot and escort your child from their classroom door to your vehicle.
- Pick-Up (Children Ages 6+):** Please drive along the south end of the parking lot (along the highway) past Pavilion and pull up in front of Rootz, or slightly past Rootz if there is space available. Please do not block the entrances/cross walks to other businesses when waiting to pick-up. If you arrive more than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled ending of class, please park in the lot and pull into the pick-up line no more than 5 minutes prior to class ending. You must provide formal authorization to the front desk before your child will be permitted to exit the building through the front door by themselves.

Illness Policy: In order to keep everyone safe, we trust you will not bring a sick child to Rootz and that you will screen your child for [COVID and Flu symptoms](#):

- If Rootz staff feel your child is exhibiting any signs of sickness, your child will be isolated from other children while waiting for you to pick-up your child.
- If your child is sent home due to illness, he/she cannot return until they have been free from symptoms for at least 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer.