



June 2, 2020

Dear Cedar River Montessori summer participants:

We are sad to announce, weighing heavily all of what we know right now and all of the unknowns still in front of us, that **we are canceling the first two weeks of our summer program, the weeks of June 22-26 and June 29-July 3**. For those who have paid the weekly registration deposit for these two weeks, credits will be applied toward future weeks of summer 2020 tuition, or refunded at the end of the summer program.

We will evaluate the feasibility of hosting the remainder of the summer program as we learn more from Governor Jay Inslee and whether or not King County is approved for Phase 3, the phase in which we anticipate that summer programs may be permitted to start.

If/when we are permitted to open, the following parts of our summer program will be affected:

Pool and Swimming

Early Childhood: Swim lessons for young children rely on trust between the child and instructor. The instructor is always within arm's reach of children who are learning to swim and are too small to stand upright in the shallow end. King County Public Health Department informed us that the only way swim instruction would happen this summer (if at all) would be with the instructor on the pool deck and the parent in the pool with the child. More than one parent-child duo would require a 6 foot distance in the pool. Based on expected continuation of social distancing guidelines, we have made the hard decision to cancel early childhood swim lessons for the full summer. Families who have enrolled in the Early Childhood summer program will receive a \$50/week credit due to COVID-19 restrictions. This credit will be applied toward future weeks of summer 2020 tuition, or refunded at the end of the summer program.

Elementary, Middle School, and Swim Counselor in Training: We are preparing the pool for the annual pool inspection, and we will be evaluating over the coming month the feasibility of having small group instruction for independent swimmers in our elementary program and open swim for middle school participants. More information forthcoming.

Arrival and Departure Times

In order to reduce the numbers of students arriving and departing at the same time, and to allow for extra time for health checks, the early childhood program will begin at 8:30 (arrival between 8:15-8:30) and elementary and middle school will begin at 9:00 (arrival between 8:45-9:00).



Before and After Care

We're waiting on guidance for whether or not before and after care (7:30 am – 6 pm) is feasible. Because before and after care in the summer is mostly based outside, we are hopeful we can continue offering it, provided precautions are taken to keep children from the school day in their same groups outdoors. We will keep you updated on decisions in this regard.

Useful Links

[Cedar River Montessori Summer 2020 Withdrawal and Cancellation Policy](#)

[King County's new COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

[King County COVID-19 Daily Summary by Zip Code](#)

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we adjust our program to meet the evolving health and safety requirements. We look forward to reopening and the children's return to campus.