

EverAfter



EverAfter Relaunch!

We are excited to say that we are opening back up for the 2021-2022 school year! We will not be completely back to normal just yet though, as there are a number of precautions still mandated or recommended by the StrongSchools [NC Schools Public Health Toolkit](#).

Below is a run-down of modifications EverAfter *plans*, at this time, to make, as well as acknowledgement of some things that are up in the air. If protocols that Evergreen follows during the school day change, EverAfter will follow suit. Changes will be communicated via the weekly Wednesday EverAfter Update email.

1. **Masks**—At this time, the Toolkit requires masks indoors but outdoors they are only recommended. Evergreen as a school may still require them outside since the groups of kids will be large and distancing is not easily done. If they do, so will EverAfter. If they don't, EverAfter will allow children to choose to take masks off outdoors. That decision may not get made until much closer to August.
2. **Suspected, presumed, confirmed cases of COVID-19**—EverAfter will follow the required guidelines for schools from NC DHHS regarding symptoms, exclusion, and testing. In short, if a student has any of the exclusionary symptoms, they will not be allowed in EverAfter until they have a negative PCR test, an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, or complete a period of quarantine. For more on exclusionary symptoms, please see the [NC Schools Public Health Toolkit](#).
3. **Group cohorting**—EverAfter already cohorts in K-1, 2-3, 4-5, and Middle School grade level groups. We don't have the space or human resources to break it down more than that. The only exception would be if enrollment is high enough to require us to separate the Kindergarten and 1st graders. One additional level of cohorting we will do is to only operate clubs, in the Fall at least, that stick to these same grade levels. As such, the Fall Clubs schedule will be a bit lighter than normal.
4. **Snack**—as long as there are any COVID precautions still in place, we will not serve our customary daily snack. Please send your child with a little extra food!

5. **Group size limits**—We have never had a hard cap on group sizes before, mostly because we see the flexibility for parents as being one of the strengths of the program. However, if the Toolkit or other public health mandates re-institute limits on indoor gathering, we would have to develop a daily advance sign-up system. If you register now, you do so with the understanding that we may institute the daily limit later.

6. **Clubs and Sports**—Other than the above statement about Fall clubs operating within the same grade level groups as the program at large, we will attempt to bring back as many Fall Clubs and Wolfpack Sports as we can. One important change though will be that we will separate the sign-up processes for Clubs and Wolfpack Sports. This will make it easier to proceed with one program without the other, in the event that public health restrictions get tighter come winter.

7. **Transportation of kids from other schools**—EverAfter will still be accepting children from other area schools. However, for the ones we pick up directly from their schools, parents need to know that we are unable to follow the recommendation that children from different households sit only one per seat on a bus. Should that recommendation turn back into a requirement, we may need to curb or suspend this service. At this time, the only schools we plan to pick up from are W.D. Williams, Bell, and Oakley Elementary Schools. We will require a minimum number of commitments across these schools in order to start this service when these schools start.

8. **Pickup procedure**—In the past, we have always asked to see ID for people the first time they pickup. That'll be tough to do with masks on, so instead we will go with a pick-up placard method. This will also help the attendance manager not need parents to form a crowd right at the desk. Parents of Evergreen students will use the placards they get already. For those joining us from other schools, we will create pickup placards for you that you will get the first time you pick up.