

Health Guidelines for In-Person Tutoring

To help protect everyone from the Coronavirus known as COVID-19 and the regular flu, Donna Samudio, Your Writing Teacher (YWT), is asking everyone to follow the guidelines below.

Health Monitoring: Checking for fever both the day before and the day of the tutoring session.

If YWT or the student show any signs of fever, the session will be either postponed or move to online.

If other people in either household have fever, coughing, or mucus drainage from the nose, please consider their movements in the household. If the person with illness has been isolated from the student and meeting area, then the session can still occur in person. If, however, the person with the illness has not been isolated from the student and meeting area, then the session will be either postponed or move to online.

Personal Cleanliness: Washing hands before and after each session.

When YWT enters your home for a tutoring session, she will ask to wash her hands before beginning. She will also ask the student to wash her or his hands as well.

YWT will also wash hands at the end of the session before heading out.

Environmental Cleanliness: Cleaning the teaching surface.

Most of the time, YWT and the student are working at the family dining table. Households should make sure that the area has been wiped clean, preferably with disinfecting soap or wipes, before the session. Please also consider the backs of chairs where people's hands might grab.

Positioning: Sitting side-by-side, separated by at least one chair-width.

Normally, in tutoring sessions YWT and the student sit across the table or around a corner of the table in order to work closely. In the future, to prevent possible spread of droplets, YWT and the student will sit side-by-side with one chair-width between them. This way, we reduce the case of droplets getting into each other's faces. If you would like YWT to wear a mask, please say so, and I'll gladly comply. YWT does not require students to wear masks.

Quarantining in case of exposure:

According to CDC guidelines, if any of us are exposed to someone with active virus, we should avoid in-person tutoring and switch temporarily to on-line sessions until two weeks have passed or the exposed person tests negative for the virus. It is important that we keep each other informed of our exposure.