Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Education (DRC) is in a unique position to open safely for Summer Programming, in August, and our Regular Programming, this fall. We will utilize our outside spaces including the large backyard and front porch for the majority of our activities, and we are able to open the windows, with outward facing fans, to ventilate our 1500 sq. foot facility. Additionally, this year we are limiting our daily participant number at nine for Summer Programs, and we are capping our student membership at twenty this Fall.

As a hybrid homeschool/school, Deep Root Center also has the flexibility to offer much of our regular programming interactively online, even while holding in person programming at our facility. At DRC, we support all of our members with respect and compassion in whatever option they choose, be it virtual, in-person, or a combination of both. All volunteers will be interacting with DRC members virtually. If the need arises for us to close Deep Root Center, we can seamlessly shift to live, interactive programming online for as long as we need to. All of this being said, the health and safety of our members, families, volunteers, and staff is our utmost priority. The following are our guidelines for opening:
Deep Root Center Promise to our Community:

- Maintain our guiding principles
- Provide a physically and emotionally safe space for all participants
- Follow all CDC guidelines in terms of cleanliness – maintain cleaning logs
- Follow guidelines in terms of capacity – limits are posted in each room.
- Follow CDC guidelines in terms of monitoring and PPE for anyone who enters - maintain log

Building Safety

- Following CDC guidelines for cleaning & sanitizing shared spaces and shared items.
- Record of cleaning/sanitizing kept in a cleaning log.
- Cloth masks worn inside at all times and when within 6ft outdoors- disposable masks available at door if forgotten.
- Capacity limits set for each room.
- Frequent handwashing/sanitizing - paper towel dry only.
- Handsanitizer and wipes in each room.
- No group cooking or food sharing.
- Dishwasher used - no dishwashing by hand.
- Use outdoor spaces for majority of activities.
- Handwashing/sanitizing, mask, health monitoring, and capacity signage placed throughout building.
- Health monitored at door with infrared thermometer and questioned about exposure, symptoms, and recent travel - recorded in log.
- No one with symptoms or a fever over 100.4 is allowed to enter.
**This Safety Plan is an extension of DRC’s one rule – respect yourself, each other, and this place.**

We expect that each staff person, student member, their families, and Exploration Station participants will abide by the following participant guidelines out of respect for the entire DRC Community. **The DRC Staff is not here to police these responsibilities. If you feel like you cannot follow these guidelines, please stay home** – there will be opportunities for our regular student members to participate in DRC community activities and conversations, virtually from home.

**Participant Responsibilities**

- Monitor health at home. **Do not come if you are sick!**
- Health will be monitored upon arrival.
- Face masks – **covering mouth and nose** - are required indoors, and within 6ft of another outside. Wear a lanyard around your neck with the mask to keep it readily available. Disposable masks will be available if you forget it at home.
- All participants and staff will make sure that **hand washing is a priority** - soap, hand-sanitizer, and paper towels are available.
- Families will let the Executive Director know how often they will participate each week and which days they will be here. This will allow us to plan daily capacity.
- They will also inform the ED when they will not be here on the days they were scheduled to attend.
- There will be **no communal cooking or food sharing.** Participants can cook for themselves. Any leftovers can be packed up and brought home. Every person who cooks or uses the kitchen will **place their dishes in the dishwasher** and **sanitize the countertop and other surfaces.**
- Participants will **assist with general clean-up and sanitizing** at the end of every day. They will also **wipe down the shared items** they have used with sanitizing wipes and will put everything they are working with away.
- Participants and their parent or guardian will sign an addendum to the DRC agreements indicating they understand the above responsibilities.