

Dear Central Montessori School families and staff

Covid-19 Guidance for childcare providers and programs

Updated COVID-19 Policies

Central Montessori School remains committed to taking actions that protects the health, safety and welfare of our students and staff.

Please Note: If your child tests **positive** for Covid, they must stay home for 5 days, when he/she test negative on day 5, your child may return to school on day 6. Children and staff are required to wear a well fitted mask for 10 days.

Travel Guidance during Holidays

If you are going to travel on a plane, please notify the school via email. Once you have returned home, please show a proof of a negative Antigen Covid-19 test before returning to school.

Sick Policy

Our sick child policy will be as followed:

- Children will be sent home when their temperature is 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Children with an elevated temperature will be isolated from the group until pick up.
- Parents will be called for pickup within 30 minutes.
- If a parent is not available within 30 minutes or there is no response from the phone call(s), the child's emergency contact will be called for pick up.
- If sent home, children must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school. The minimum time at home will be three days from temperature (i.e., sent home on Monday, return on Wednesday at the earliest).
- The school reserves the right to send a child home sick, even in the absence of fever and regardless of a note from a physician.
- Parents are prohibited from using a fever reducer for an enrolled child within 12 hours of school attendance. Evidence of usage may result in discontinued enrollment.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

Heightened cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be followed to minimize exposure to coronavirus in our school environment.



- Adult bathroom: faucet, toilet handle, sink surface, paper towel and soap dispensers
- Kitchen and staff room surfaces
- Keypads (i.e., copy machines)
- All door handles (inside and out)
- Phone

- Classroom common areas will be disinfected with EPA COVID19 approved products (Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, etc.)
 - Tables and chairs
 - Shelf edges
 - Commonly used materials and objects
 - Cubbies
 - Door handles
 - Bathroom sink faucets
 - Toilet handles
 - Paper towel and soap dispensers
 - Frequently used outside toys
 - Grab bars on playground equipment

Personal Protection

Practices will help ensure staff and student safety by reducing possible exposure to coronavirus while interacting on campus



Handwashing

- **Children:**
 - Upon arrival, children will be required to wash their hands.
 - Children will wash hands under supervision before snack, before lunch, after-playtime, and at the end of the day.
 - Supervised use of hand-sanitizer will be allowed as necessary throughout the day, but not as a substitute for handwashing.

- **Staff:**
 - Staff will wash hands at a minimum upon arrival, at each break and at the end of day.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided for staff to use as needed.

Wellness

Protocols will be in place to ensure staff and students are well while on campus, and have no known exposure to COVID-19

- Staff with a fever of 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit or more will be sent home for the day and will not return until symptom free for 48 hours.
- Children or staff who are sent home with a fever *may* be required to complete a negative COVID-19 test prior to return.

It has been a long couple of years, and we are sincere and thankful for your continued support. We are looking forward to focusing into our classroom's services and the many programs that help our students learn, grow and flourish. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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