

Montessori Fountainhead School

Temporary Policies for COVID-19

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Classrooms

- We will follow DHEC guidelines for ongoing cleaning and sanitizing of the classrooms throughout the day.
- Disinfectant fogging (ozone) will be done every day.
- Group snack will be discontinued. Children will need to bring their own snacks, along with their lunch and water bottle (labeled).
- We will do our best to limit cross-over between the classroom, but with siblings in different classes and aftercare, 100% separation is not possible.
- We will have an open door policy for outside classroom, with work stations on the playground. No visitors will be allowed into the classrooms.

Students

- Temperature checks and hand sanitizing will be done at the gate when students arrive at school.
- Any student with an abnormal temperature or any signs of illness - runny nose, sneezing, stomach problems, etc. - will need to go home immediately.
- Primary students are **recommended but not required** to wear masks or face shields.
- Elementary students are required to wear masks or face shields.
- Staff members are required to wear face coverings.
- We will be encouraging frequent hand-washing and hand-sanitizing.
- Special lessons on hygiene will be presented to children.

School Day

- We will be working outside as much as possible. Canopies were added to the playground area to provide shelter from sun and rain. Each primary student will have a cushion-seat to use for individual work and lunch.
- Please do not send "warm-up food" for lunch. This goes for both classrooms.
- Primary pick up time is 2:45 - 3:00 pm. Elementary pick up time is 3:00 to 3:15 pm. Parents should stay in their cars, and we will send their children out to them. Please do not come onto the porch.

If Someone Gets Sick

- According to DHEC:
 - " Social distancing may not be feasible for young children in a classroom. For this reason, any children and staff with a case of COVID 19 will be considered close contact and require 14 days quarantine."

- “Children and staff who test positive and persons with symptoms of COVID 19 who do not get tested, should isolate until ten days have passed since symptoms started - and - three days have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and - overall improvement in symptoms.” (DHEC guidance)
- Families must notify us if a child or someone in contact with the child is diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.
- A child or an adult who has been exposed to COVID-19 must stay home for fourteen days.
- If any student or teacher who was in contact with others in class gets sick, the classrooms will be closed for 14 days for quarantine.
- If classrooms are closed, we will switch to online lessons, following the protocol we established during the shutdown at the end of this past school year.

I _____ accept these policies and acknowledge that adherence is necessary for enrollment. I elect to have my child(ren) attend the school despite the possible risks.

Signature _____ Date _____