



Montessori Academy
of Chambersburg
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Updated 2022/2023 COVID Mitigation Policies and Procedures

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Daily Health Screenings

Daily health screenings of all students may be conducted upon arrival.

Face Coverings

Face coverings optional, but recommended indoors.

We will strive to support parents in their decisions and preferences for their children's use of face coverings at school.

There may be indoor events or field trips where face coverings will still be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.

The Academy will continue to implement the CDC's recommendations for high quality face covering use for 10 days after an individual experiences exposure to COVID-19.

Illness Procedures

Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have sign(s) of infectious illness.

A home test or medically-administered negative COVID test is required for students to return after absence due to illness, if they have exhibited any "major" symptom or if they exhibited two or more "minor" symptoms. Exceptions due to chronic illness are considered.

Major symptoms: fever, uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

Minor symptoms: sore throat, congestion or runny nose, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, headache, diarrhea, fatigue, minor cough.

Confirmed positive COVID cases will be required to remain at home for at least 5 days and isolate from others at home. Wear a high-quality mask at home and in public. If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5. Regardless of when you end isolation, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 until at least day 11. High-quality masks should be worn through day 10.

Exposure Procedures	<p>Our goal is to communicate COVID cases within the school.</p> <p>Close contacts will be required to wear a high quality face mask for 10 days and test on day 5.</p> <p>The Academy will continue to implement the CDC's recommendations for face covering use for 10 days after an individual experiences exposure to COVID-19.</p> <p>Persons who meet the following criteria do NOT need to quarantine after cessation of exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who are 18 or older and have received ALL recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised individuals. • People who are 6 months and older and have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines. • People who have submitted documentation of confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days as diagnosed by a viral test.
Volunteers and Visitors	<p>Encourage all volunteers and visitors to be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>There may be indoor events or field trips where masks will still be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.</p>
On-Campus Family Events	<p>Family events will be hosted outdoors, when feasible.</p> <p>Indoor events will be planned to allow for physical distancing and will be decided on a case by case basis. There may be indoor events where face coverings will still be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.</p>
Field Trips	<p>Field trips are an important part of the academic experience and they will be evaluated on a case by case basis. There may be indoor field trips where masks will still be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.</p>
Sanitization	<p>Frequent sanitizing of high-touch surfaces.</p>
Paid Time Off for Employees	<p>Maintain routine PTO procedures, with the exception that fully-vaccinated staff members who test positive for COVID-19 after exposure will be granted additional PTO.</p>