



Montessori Academy  
of Chambersburg  
A LEGACY OF LEARNING

## Updated 2023/2024 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.

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 be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.

The Academy recommends that face coverings are used for 10 days after a student experiences exposure to COVID-19. Any staff member of Montessori Academy of Chambersburg may be required to mask after exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are returning to campus after day 5 should wear a mask while indoors on days 5-10. Any staff member of Montessori Academy of Chambersburg may be required to mask on days 5-10 after testing positive for COVID-19. The Academy may provide a high quality mask, as recommended by the CDC, if needed.

### Illness Procedures

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

A documented home test or medically-administered negative COVID test is recommended and may be 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.

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.

- Any individual that develops symptom(s) potentially associated with COVID-19 during the

	<p>monitoring period should be tested for COVID 19 before returning to campus.</p> <p>Confirmed positive COVID cases will be required to remain at home for at least 5 days. If after 5 days the individual is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and their symptoms are improving, or they never had symptoms, they may end isolation after day 5. A mask will be required on campus through day 10. A high-quality mask may be provided by the Academy, if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are returning to campus after day 5 should wear a mask while indoors on days 5-10. Any staff member of Montessori Academy of Chambersburg may be required to mask on days 5-10 after testing positive for COVID-19. The Academy may provide a high quality mask, as recommended by the CDC, if needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exposure Procedures</b></p>	<p>Our goal is to communicate COVID cases within the school.</p> <p>Individuals with exposure to COVID will be encouraged to test on day 5 after exposure.</p> <p>In the event that multiple positive cases are identified in a single cohort, the Academy may require universal masking in the cohort for up to 10 days after most recent exposure.</p> <p>Any staff member of Montessori Academy of Chambersburg may be required to wear a mask for 10 days after exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.</p>
<p><b>Volunteers and Visitors</b></p>	<p>There may be indoor events or field trips where masks will be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.</p>
<p><b>Field Trips</b></p>	<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 be required for students, staff, parents, and visitors.</p>
<p><b>Paid Time Off for Employees</b></p>	<p>Additional PTO may be granted for staff members who provide documentation that they have tested positive for COVID-19 after confirmed on-campus exposure.</p>