

Updated COVID Policy

Woodland Montessori School

Masks

- Masking will be optional for staff and students. Plan to have masks in your child's backpack or cubby in the event they are required again.
- If there is a change in public health guidelines, or if our region reaches what the CDC classifies as "high risk" based on the local case and hospitalization data, we will resume wearing masks.

Drop-Off/ Pick-up

- Parents will continue to drop off at the door, although when needed parents may enter the building with a temperature check when necessary.
- Temperature will be taken each day. **If a child's temperature exceeds 100 degrees, they will need to be kept home until fever-free for 24 hours and until we have documentation of a negative COVID test.**

Lunch

We are going to transition back into a "family-style" lunch, where children are able to sit together at the large tables rather than spread out around the classroom. Parents may request that their child eat at a socially-distanced table if they have concerns about this.

Illness and Exposure

*We will be following the illness and exposure policies outlined in the DCYF guidance flowchart.

*If a child is ill, they should not be at school. Please help us all keep our community safe by keeping children home when they are ill. If they show symptoms of COVID, they will need a negative test (rapid home tests are allowed) emailed to us ahead of their return to school.

*If a child shows symptoms of COVID at school, they must be sent home to have a test (rapid home tests are allowed) done and a photo emailed to adm.n.woodlandmontessori@gmail.com as well as being free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.

*If a child is exposed to COVID they will quarantine as outlined in guidance from our licensing agency (DCYF) based on the type of exposure. Contact the administration via email as soon as you become aware of your child being exposed and we will talk you through the next steps based on their exposure.

*If a person tests positive for COVID, they must quarantine for ten(10) days. This is due to the fact that recommendations from the CDC and DCYF state that the first five days of quarantine must be followed by day 6-10 of strict mask-wearing. We are not able to enforce strict mask use with young children because they will be eating, drinking, and napping at school. Therefore, they must stay home for the full ten(10) day quarantine period.