

MSCU Return to School

Enhanced COVID-19 Risk Management Plan Highlights for Families

(06/18/2020; subject to change based on evolving public health guidance)



Key Ways We Will Be Supporting Health & Safety of Our Children and Staff

- **Our staff will be explicitly teaching, supervising, and modeling** the following for children in each classroom:
 - Frequent, thorough handwashing techniques per CDC guidance
 - Avoidance of face-touching
 - Social distancing strategies
- **MSCU will be doing frequent, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting** of classroom materials and all facilities on a daily basis as per local health guidance
- **Children will be kept in small classroom cohorts** that will stay together for all meals, snacks, rest, and play periods, and will not mix with other cohorts.
- **Food preparation works and self-serving of lunch will be temporarily suspended** until public health guidance allows for these practices again.
- **Masks will be required of all individuals ages 2 and up**, at all times when on campus unless eating, sleeping, or playing outdoors and able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others
- **Temperature checks and symptom screenings will be required of all staff, children, and essential individuals (vendors, safety inspectors, etc.) upon arrival at school daily.** Anyone who has the following symptoms may not enter the facilities per public health and DCFS guidance:
 - Temperature of 100.4°F or higher
 - Feeling warm or feverish, or have had a fever within the last 48 hours
 - Any signs of illness
- **Children who show signs of illness will be isolated immediately in our infirmary area and must be picked up within 30 minutes of family notification.**



What We Need From Our Families

- **Social Distancing**
 - *Please help support our social distancing measures* by following any signage or social distancing protocols that are established. Some of these include:
 - No handshaking
 - Keep a 6ft distance from other individuals at all times
 - No entry to the classroom buildings at any time without specific permission from the Head of School; we request that you use virtual means to connect regarding school business if at all possible. Families may not enter classrooms per DCFS guidance.
 - *Please share with your children about the importance of social distancing* in this time, even with peers, in a positive way.
 - *Please send a minimum of 5 masks for your children that fit them properly*, to be kept at school for any needed changes. *Wash any used masks daily so that children arrive at school with only clean masks, and replace used masks with clean ones as soon as possible.*
 - *Please ensure your children are willing and able to tolerate wearing a mask properly* (fully covering their nose and mouth) for the duration of their time at school.
 - *Please provide indoor shoes for your children*, to be kept at the school.
- **Health**
 - Please do not send your children to school if: they have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, feel warm/feverish, have had a fever within the last 48 hours, or have been in close contact OR spent time within speaking distance with a person who has COVID-19 or has been under testing for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- **Dropoff and Pickup**
 - *Drop-off and pickup will be happening via car line only* to facilitate both social distancing and traffic safety while we do screenings. We will be providing videos and written instructions in the coming weeks to help facilitate this new protocol.
- **Availability and Emergency Contact Information**
 - *Please ensure you or your emergency contacts are able to pick up your child within 30 minutes.* If you need to update your emergency contact information, please email schoolmanager@montessorischoolofcu.org to do so.