



MADISON MONTESSORI SCHOOL 2022-2023 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

The safety, health, and best interests of our students, faculty, staff, and families continues to be our priority and will lead how we will operate this school term. We will continue to monitor our MMS community, local COVID-19 [Cali Score](#) information, and consult with our local Madison Health Department.

SCREENING:

- Although you will not be filling out a screening form every morning, please continue to conduct a self-screen at home daily to assess your child's health and determine if they are well enough to attend school for the day. Temperature checks should be conducted **AT HOME** as part of the self-screen and any child with a fever **should remain at home.**
- Children with symptoms outlined on Section 3, page 24 of the Parent Handbook **should be kept at home and seek advice from their pediatrician.** Parents can refer to the NJ Department of Health Table of Common Communicable Diseases that is available in the Document tab in brightwheel, for more information about common communicable diseases, symptoms, and requirements for return to school.
- Children with the following COVID-19 compatible symptoms **should be kept at home and seek advice from their pediatrician.**
 - At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (**measured above 100.4**), chills, rigors (shivers), muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose; **OR at least one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.

Faculty/staff: Faculty and staff will conduct a daily self-screen to determine if they are well enough to be at school. Faculty and staff should follow same guidelines as outlined above for students.

ISOLATION

- Any individual (staff or student) who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is symptomatic must isolate for 5 full days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms)
 - If symptoms resolve (without fever for 24 hours and other symptoms improve) isolation can end after 5 full days (return on day 6)
 - If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not improved), continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- Individuals (staff or students) who test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms must isolate for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the day of the positive viral test).
 - If no symptoms develop, isolation can end after 5 full days (return on day 6)
 - If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.

MASKING:

Outdoors: Students and staff are not required to wear masks outdoors, except if a student or staff has returned during days 6-10 after completing a 5-day Covid-19 isolation or quarantine; in this case, mask wearing for the individual is crucial. Outdoor masking is otherwise optional.

Indoors: Mask wearing will be optional indoors except under the following circumstances, when masks may be required:

- When there is an active covid outbreak in a classroom students may be required to wear masks.
- After returning from isolation or quarantine, students and staff who return to school during days 6-10 of Covid-19 isolation or quarantine will be required to mask (If an individual is unable to wear a mask during days 6-10, they should remain at home for the full 10 days of isolation).
- During illness - Students or staff who become ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while in school should wear a mask until they leave the premises.

Any changes to the above guidelines will be communicated to all families and staff as needed.