

## Lakeshore Montessori

# New COVID-19 Protocol for Feb. 2022

### Masking

All children are encouraged to wear a mask for as long as they can. 5 and older must **wear a mask.** All adults must wear a mask during drop off and pick up.

**School will open 7:30 and close @5:15 for a month.**

We will divide the classes TO PREVENT CROSS EXPOSURE.

### New Schedule for Parents and teachers

- We are increasing employee hours so we can keep classes separate. That way, if there was another outbreak, one class could resume. I am hiring more staff to keep classes separate.

7:30-Early care arrivers: go to your classroom teacher's room.

8:30-9: Miss Hannah's class will be outside -weather permitting.

10:30-2: Miss Wendy's class will be outside.

10:30: When both classes are outside, they will be separated.

11:15: prep for lunch: wash hands, each class will separately get ready, children will sit outside (weather pending) in the same seats daily with their class.

11:30: lunch

12pm: Miss Hannah's class will go in for work time.

1pm: pick up

We will place all bags outside of playground fence and a teacher will be outside to bring children to you when we see you.

1pm:Katrina takes nappers to Wendy's class

1:30: Katrina takes nappers to Hannah's class

2-3: Miss Hannah -outdoor time

3pm: pick up

Hannah's class: We will bring children to you at the wooden gate with belongings.

Wendy's class: Parent must distance while waiting as we bring children to you. Please be patient as your child may take longer than another to get out the door.

3pm: Aftercare: Each assistant or I will bring their classes out for snack/in class if raining. Each class will stay in its own section until pickup.

. For after care pickup only. Children may be inside or out, come to your classroom when we are inside. Please come to Hannah's door and knock.

### **Covid outbreak information:**

- **COVID ALERT: AS SOON AS I KNOW, I WILL SEND A GROUP EMAIL.**
- According to the Washington State Department of Health (WA DOH)
  - A child's infectious period is 48 days from the onset of symptoms
  - If a child is asymptomatic (not displaying symptoms), their infectious period is 48 hours prior to the date they obtain their Covid -19 test.
  - We have to close 5 days from that date determined; ultimately WA DOH may assist in determining return dates. We use the Health Department to predict return dates.
- **In the event of a positive case outbreak:**
  - Begin quarantine, (you may obtain a rapid test or home test for your own knowledge) but wait 5 days to get a PCR. *It may take time to wait for an PCR test appointment.* When there is an outbreak-there are no appointments or results when we need them. Once the test is administered, it usually takes 24-48 hrs for the results; however, given increased case rates, results may be returned later than 48 hrs. **Most for important is your child to be tested at least 5 days post exposure.** Anything less is unacceptable. This is dependent on the circumstances.
  - 5 and older may return 5 days after exposure with negative molecular PCR test and no symptoms. In addition, this child must be an excellent mask wearer. You know your child. We will decide.
  - All other ages may return after 5 days with a negative molecular PCR test and no symptoms.
  - All ages may return after 14 days without PCR or symptoms.
  - A molecular PCR is a Covid test given by a clinician and results are not available for 24-48 hrs. You must wait at least 5 days for the swab or the test will not be accepted to return back to school. The Director can establish that date.
  - A rapid test is a swab test that has results in 1 hr or less. It is not acceptable for return to school.
  - A home test is not acceptable for return to school.

- **Tuition:** Will not be reimbursed for quarantine, however; we will stay open this year -Nov.11, 22, 23 and add 3 days to June closing. In the event of another COVID Diagnosis, Lakeshore Montessori will not add days to the end of the year or reimburse.
- We will wear masks outside. We were not mandated to wear masks outside since the start of COVID.
- When returning to school after an illness, please bring a PCR or a doctor's note.

### **Illness Symptoms:**

- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Fever over 100 degrees**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Vomiting or diarrhea within last 48 hours**
- **Undiagnosed skin rashes with a fever**
- **Sore throat with fever and difficulty swallowing**
- **Rashes**
- **Headache persisting longer than 24 hours**

**If your child has any one of these symptoms, they must isolate and tested for COVID 19.**

- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **New Loss of taste or smell**

**If your child has any one of these symptoms, they must isolate for 24 hours and may return if that one symptom resolves. If that student develops more symptoms or that one symptom lasts longer than 24 hours, they must be tested for COVID 19.**

- **Nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea**
- **Cough, ( new , changes , or worsening)**
- **Headache**
- **Fatigue**
- **Sore throat**

### **Cleaning and sanitizing:**

- **We use 1/3 C of Bleach per gallon on** bathroom, kitchen, floors , surfaces - when children are not in the room.
- When children are present: we use Hydrogen Peroxide for all other cleaning. It has to thoroughly dry or we hand dry after 6 minutes before a child is able to use an item.
- The dishwasher and washing machine are also sanitizing modes.
- Tables and chairs are sprayed down before and after meals, and intermittent work times.
- All doorknobs, light switches, door are sanitized 2 times per day.
- Laundry and Dishwasher are set to the highest sanitizing temp.
- The windows have been open for cross draft as much as possible.

### **Other Changes**

- We have resumed school this year with children spaced 3 ft apart to the extent possible. This has been the CDC recommendation since March 2021.
- At 1pm the upstairs children will sleep up and at 1:40, the down stairs nappers will go downstairs.
- Tables and chairs are always sprayed down before and after meals.
- The children receive a new placemat daily. Silverware is given only by a gloved teacher.
- Anything –food or plates, placemats that touch the floor is taken to be washed.
- All class materials are used once, then sanitized and maybe put back out on the shelf depending on how fast the material dries.
- Taking temps each morning.
- Each child has their own drawer with Pencils, watercolor sets, scissors, safety glasses
- We have stopped group rest time so the children can be outside longer.
- We have built an outdoor building for rain and sun protection, installed outdoor heaters, and purchased many pails and buckets, bikes, and more play structures to give the children plenty of challenge while being outside for longer periods. We will create structure during their outdoor time, e.g, 9am is song time, 9:30 is snack time, 10 am is parachute time. We can set up Montessori materials under the deck as we see fit...
- Since Jan 27-All gross motor, aerobic activity, and singing must take place outside.
- While eating , children must sit 6 ft apart.

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