

NTMC Covid-19 Prevention Measures & Response Plan

Families:

Upon entrance to building:

- All people entering the building must use provided hand sanitizer.
- There is only 1 adult allowed in the building per child.
- Parents are allowed into the classrooms at this time. Drop offs and pickups must be under 15 minutes and parents must stay by the child's cubby.
- Students will wash hands upon entrance to their classroom and change into inside shoes if applicable.
- Families will limit items going into the classroom. At this time only a small backpack with the student's water bottle, nap items, change of clothes and inside shoes are allowed.

Staff:

Upon entrance to building:

- All people entering the building must use provided hand sanitizer.
- All staff will need to change into their inside shoes after clocking in.
- All staff will wash hands immediately upon entrance to their classroom.
- All teachers will practice enhanced cleaning standards as outlined below.
- Staff members working in the infant and toddler rooms must wear a long-sleeved shirt to prevent as much skin to skin contact as possible to reduce possible transmission of Covid-19.
- All long hair must be tied back.

Enhanced Cleaning Standards:

- Materials are to be limited to what can be easily sanitized. Group work is being removed for now. Workspaces are spread out and workstations at tables are limited to encourage social distancing.
- All cleaning during the day will be done via the three-step cleaning process as outlined in the WAC.
- All shelves are to be cleaned with the three-step process daily during nap. They are also to be cleaned again with the three-step process at the end of the day.
- Bathrooms are to be wiped down and sanitized during nap and at the end of the day.
- All high touch areas are to be cleaned after all transition times. This includes doorknobs, toilet handles, paper towel dispensers, sinks, fridge doors, garbage cans, etc.
- All classrooms will be vacuumed at the end of each day and swept as needed. The mopping schedule will remain the same.

- The front office will be wiped down every hour during pick up and drop off. It will also be wiped down during the middle of all staff lunches.

Outside and Sensory Play:

- Sensory play such as sand and water tables are limited. Water play must be single use such as sprinklers and any water apparatus must be cleaned and sanitized before and after use. Any sensory items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between students cannot be used.
- If sensory materials are needed to be used, each student must have their own individual container labeled with their name on it containing the sensory material.
- All climbing structures, bicycles, tables and outdoor toys must be sanitized at the beginning and end of each recess. Bicycles and tables must be sanitized between students using them.
- Students will wash hands before going out to recess and upon coming back into the classroom from recess.

If a Child or Staff Shows Symptoms:

Any child or staff member, regardless of vaccination status, that shows **ANY** symptom, no matter how mild, **MUST** have a negative Covid-19 test to return to care. An at-home test or medically administered test is acceptable. We will then need a copy of the results emailed to us. Siblings of any individual being tested for Covid-19 must remain at home until the sick child has received a negative test result.

Symptoms are listed below:

- Fever (Over 100.4 degrees)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Or other signs of new illness unrelated to a preexisting condition

Please note that all practices above follow the most recent Department of Health, Labor and Industries, Center for Disease Control and Department of Children, Youth and Families guidelines. As such, all guidelines are subject to change to remain up to date with best practices.

If you have any questions please see Kate, Lynne', Chaska, Aubrea, Hannah, Sandy, Katy or Kelci. Thank you.

NTMC Covid-19 Response Plan

In the event that there is a positive Covid-19 case at North Tacoma Montessori Center, the following steps will be taken:

1. We will notify the Pierce County Health Department and follow their instructions.
2. All exposed families will be notified first to provide the most amount of time to follow any guidance given by the health department.
3. The student or staff member that has a positive case will be required to quarantine for the time frame given by the DOH. This may vary depending on age and ability to wear a mask properly.
4. Per the advice of the DOH, the classroom that was exposed (or the entire school if recommended) may be closed for one or several days to deep clean all areas accessible to the positive student or staff member.
5. When the school reopens (if closure is deemed necessary), we will continue to follow all Covid-19 prevention measures.

*Masking is optional at NTMC regardless of vaccine status. Masks are required for children and staff if able to return after a 5 day quarantine. If your child wears a mask, it must be well fitted and worn correctly throughout the day. A mask may be removed for eating or sleeping.

*No tuition will be credited if NTMC has a closure due to a Covid-19 outbreak as you are assuming liability by exposing your child to others during this pandemic.

By signing below, you are agreeing you have read and understand our Covid-19 response plan.

Name (Printed): _____

Name (Signature): _____

Date: _____