

North Tacoma Montessori Center

Covid-19 Policy and Response Plan

Preventing Covid-19:

NTMC is committed to following Covid-safe practices to keep our children, families and staff healthy. We follow enhanced cleaning standards as well as continue to practice increased proper handwashing and monitor all children and staff for any Covid-19 symptoms. Please see below for all information regarding daily practices, communication and exclusion requirements.

Masks & Entrance Screening

Masks are optional for all individuals at NTMC regardless of vaccination status. Anyone wishing to continue using one is more than welcome to. Temperature checks are no longer needed when arriving to the center. Staff will monitor children throughout the day for any signs of illness.

Testing and Quarantine/Exclusion Requirements

If a child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 and test positive with either an antigen, PCR or at home test, the child must quarantine at home for days 1-5 and can return on day 6 if:

- The child is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **AND**
- The child has steadily improved **AND**
- The child can wear a mask correctly for days 6-10 **If your child is not able to wear a mask or face shield with a drape, they should continue to quarantine through day 10 per requirements from the DOH) **
- Quarantining due to an exposure is no longer necessary.
- Siblings that are not showing any symptoms do not have to quarantine

Exposure Notification

NTMC will continue to follow all required reporting of positive cases to the local health authority. We will follow recommendations provided by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department if they determine there is an outbreak of Covid-19 virus.

If your child is exposed to an individual that has tested positive for Covid-19 you will receive an email informing you of the day your child may have been exposed. Children may remain in attendance while being monitored for symptoms for 10 days following exposure. If symptoms develop, your child must have a negative test to return to school. Quarantining due to an exposure is no longer necessary.

Enhanced Cleaning Standards:

- 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 regularly. 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.
- In the classrooms: Handwashing will still be practiced as normal and wearing inside shoes will also still be practiced in the preschool rooms.

Travel Recommendations

We ask all families that may be travelling to follow recommended guidance from the CDC regarding monitoring for Covid-19 symptoms. A negative test is not required to return to care after travelling.

Classroom Closure

Unless directed to do so by the Tacoma Pierce County Healthy Department, NTMC will not close classrooms in the event of a positive Covid-19 case. We will follow all protocol for monitoring children and staff for any symptoms and follow any steps required of us. **In the event that a classroom or center may need to be closed, tuition will not be credited as you are assuming liability by exposing your child to others.**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Signature indicates that you have read and agree to NTMC's Covid-19 policy and requirements therein.*