

Alexandria Montessori School Covid-19 Response Policy

Cleaning/Sanitizing

Classrooms will be sanitized thoroughly at the conclusion of each school day and the materials will be wiped down as frequently as possible throughout the day. While the students do share Montessori materials, we are able to limit the sharing of most of the Montessori materials as we have duplicates of most materials on hand. We will no longer be pooling items such as pencils, crayons or scissors as we have done in the past.

Bathrooms will be sanitized at the conclusion of the day, before lunch and after any restroom accidents or illness related incidents.

The water fountains will be sanitized at the same intervals as the bathrooms. The water fountains will be used only for refilling water bottles. ALL students are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

Lunchroom. Students will be eating in their classrooms this year to limit unnecessary traffic in the building. Tables will be disinfected prior to and after eating.

Before/After School Care Room will be sanitized at the conclusion of each school day.

Arrival/Departure

Parents should take their child's temperature prior to coming to school each day. Students with a temperature of 100.04 or higher must remain at home.

Students will continue to use the main entrance as their point of entry in the morning. A teacher will meet them, as usual. Once inside, a second temperature will be taken, students will be asked to use hand sanitizer and then they may go to class. Parents may not accompany children into the building at this time.

Please use social distancing when dropping off your children. If it becomes difficult for them at the door, back up and try it again once they are ready.

Preschool children will be dismissed from the double door entrance. Elementary students from the office door entrance. If you have a child in both classes, pick up your preschooler first, then your elementary child. Social distancing and masks please, when picking up your child.

Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizer

All students will be instructed, at age appropriate levels, on the correct procedure for hand washing and the safe use of hand sanitizer. There will be an ample supply of hand sanitizer at all points of contact throughout the school.

Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer when; entering the building, after coughing, sneezing, before and after using the bathroom, before and after snack and lunch, returning from recess, and prior to dismissal.

Note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% ethanol. Methanol, or wood alcohol, however is NOT an acceptable substance to be ingested and is being used in many hand sanitizers. The FDA has a comprehensive ongoing list of such products. The hand sanitizers used at Alexandria Montessori meet all criteria for safe use.

Masks/Face Coverings

All teachers, staff and visitors are required to wear masks at all times.

Students third grade and up are recommended to wear masks. We are encouraging our kindergarteners and all 6-9 students to wear masks. We understand that there are some students for whom wearing masks would interfere with the learning process, or it is unsafe to do so. These situations will be decided on an individual basis and these students will be afforded grace and courtesy by staff and fellow students. Please keep an extra mask in your child's backpack and keep the masks freshly laundered.

Visitors

Alexandria will be limiting visitors to those seeking enrollment, conducting mandatory inspections, and parents. Building repairs, whenever possible will be conducted after school hours. All visitors will be required to wear masks, have temperatures taken and use hand sanitizer.

General Health

Children should remain at home at home if they are not feeling well, have diarrhea, or a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Children must be free of diarrhea and fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

If students become ill at school, students will be isolated, parents will be notified and children will be sent home from school.

Plans For Suspected Covid-19/Positive Covid-19 Case

The following is adapted from Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health Department.

Staff or students exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 during the day:

- They will be immediately isolated
- They will be immediately sent home-request they seek out their medical provider for further guidance.

- Establish procedure for safely transporting anyone with severe symptoms from Covid-19 to a healthcare facility in case of emergency.
- If calling an ambulance or taking someone to the hospital, try to call ahead to alert the hospital staff that the person may have Covid-19.
- Once the school is aware that a staff member or student has tested positive for Covid-19, the school will contact the health department to report the case at 937-225-4508.
- The school will cooperate with the Public Health in contact tracing to identify "close contact" of the case of Covid-19.
- Definition of close contact: someone within 6ft. of a case for at least 15 minutes during the contact window.
- Definition of contact window:
Symptomatic case - 48 hours before symptom onset date until the date the case is isolated.
Asymptomatic case - 48 hours before the specimen was collected until the case was isolated.

Returning to School After Illness

Student or staff diagnosed as having Covid-19 with symptoms must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- 3 days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) and
- other symptoms improved and
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Student or staff diagnosed as having COVID-19 without symptoms (asymptomatic) must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- 10 days have passed since test without any symptoms developing

These guidelines are in conjunction with Dayton & Montgomery Public Health, CDC, and ODE. As guidelines change, AMS will adapt the policy accordingly and notify parents. These guidelines are designed to keep your children safe while they are at school. However, by attending school, even with these comprehensive guidelines, students can become sick. By signing below you are agreeing not to hold Alexandria Montessori School or its agents responsible for any illnesses. Thank You. *Please make a copy for yourself and return prior to the first day of school.*

Child's name

Parent's signature

Date