

Moving Forward Re-Opening for 2020-2021

Our Montessori environments will continue to be places for personalized learning and social and emotional support for the growth and development of each student during this unprecedented health crisis. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, our community has made significant adjustments, and while we cannot expect a quick return to pre-pandemic conditions, we are focusing on moving forward to a new normal. Here are guidelines that School of the Woods is adopting until further changes are mandated.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we will modify our practices to keep children and teachers safe. We will make changes in classroom procedures and furniture arrangement to maintain safe and healthy environments. See the CDC ["Consideration for Schools"](#) .

Adults:

Teachers and Staff: All will be tested for Coronavirus before they return to the campus. In addition, they must screen themselves each day for new symptoms of Coronavirus by taking and reporting their temperature and completing the [Health Survey](#). In the case of potential exposure, teachers and staff will follow the CDC ["What To Do If You Are Sick"](#) and ["When You Can Be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19"](#).

Parents and Visitors: All visitors to the campus, including parents, guest teachers, and any other persons not routinely on campus, must come to the school office where temperatures will be taken outside of the office and the [Health Survey](#) completed. If the temperature is elevated, or visitor exhibits known symptoms ["What To Do If You Are Sick"](#) , they will not be permitted on campus.

Students:

Drop-off: Each day temperatures will be taken and the [Health Survey](#) completed and recorded before students enter their classrooms. If the temperature is elevated, or the student exhibits known symptoms, they will not be permitted to attend. See ["What To Do If You Are Sick"](#) and ["When You Can Be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19"](#).

Late drop off: Parents and students must come to the school office where temperatures will be taken and a [Health Survey](#) completed outside of the office. If the temperature is elevated, or the student exhibits known symptoms, they will not be permitted to attend. See CDC publications above.

Pick-Up: Details will follow for pick-up times and procedures.

Masks: All staff members and teachers will be required to wear masks. Students enrolled in grades 1 through 12 will be required to wear masks while in the classroom or other inside spaces.

In the Classroom: Sanitation stations will be located just inside the classroom door. Children must clean their hands at the door. Hand-washing will be required before and after lunch, after bathroom visits, after sneezing or coughing, etc. Hands-on classroom materials will be sanitized before they are used by the next student.

Physical Social Distancing: Each student will have an assigned table and chair, and a labeled bag / cubby with labeled pencils, markers, crayons, and other supplies. Tables will be arranged so that there is a minimum of 6 feet between individuals. Students will eat lunch that has been provided by their families and a school-provided snack served by their teacher at their assigned table.

Curriculum: All classes will be conducted in person in the classroom, unless there is a quarantine. If families choose not to send their children to in-person school, they must contact the office for the deferred enrollment procedure.

If a quarantine lasts longer than 2 weeks of regularly scheduled class time, virtual classes will be offered for all students, pre-school through high school. If families choose not to send their children to virtual school, they must contact the office for the deferred enrollment procedure.

Everyday Preventive Actions and Procedures to Keep Everyone Safe:

Sick children and teachers must stay home. Keep children at home when they are sick. Children and teachers who come to school sick or become sick while at school will be sent home as soon as possible. A child or teacher may not return to school until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation. See CDC publications above.

Cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection. The school is intensifying cleaning and disinfection following the CDC and national standards for cleaning of educational facilities for children. Students' work and objects that are frequently touched, hard surfaces and other surfaces like door knobs and light switches will be sanitized regularly.

Cleaning and sanitizing products. The school will use cleaning and sanitizing products that are EPA-approved for educational settings. Books, like other paper-based materials such as mail or envelopes, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures. Students and teachers will wash their hands before and after using these materials.