



## Hilltop Montessori School Shared Responsibility Agreement

*In-Person Learning / Fall 2020*

As we transition to in-person learning this fall, it is in the greatest interest of our students, families, staff, and local and global communities to partner together to help reduce the risks during this health crisis. To achieve and benefit from this greater collaboration, each member of the Hilltop community must actively participate in health and safety practices as outlined by HMS (in coordination with the Vermont Department of Health and Agency of Education), as well as owning the personal responsibility to maintain that. By signing this form, which is presented to all parents, guardians, and staff, you are agreeing to the following terms, as well as to the understanding that these challenging times must allow for flexibility, patience, and compassion with one another as we work to bring our school community together again. We certainly cannot guarantee health and safety in any way, but we can all pledge to do our part in reducing risk.

1. I/We have read and understand the Stages of Re-Entry Handbook.
2. I/We acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and will not hold HMS liable should my child or family become ill.
3. I/We will keep my child(ren) home and call the school if they are showing any signs of illness.
4. I/We will answer the daily health check questions truthfully and NOT give my child fever reducing medication before sending them to school.
5. I/We will comply with the [Vermont state travel and quarantining restrictions](#) in place at all times. I/We will also not socialize with an extended group of people in a way that significantly increases our risk of exposure and/or makes contact tracing more challenging and extensive.
6. I/We will have a secondary contact available to pick up my child(ren) from school promptly should they be showing signs of illness, and I am unavailable to do so.
7. I/We will work with my household and child(ren) to continue to explain the circumstances, conditions, new habits, and classroom rules that students will be asked to follow so they can be safe in the classroom with their classmates.
8. I/We understand that HMS may need time to re-adjust between stages of re-entry, including a possible shut down period of 1-2 weeks.
9. I/We understand that, due to the unpredictability of COVID-19, HMS may need to transition to Learning From Home during any point of the 2020-2021 school year, with potentially little notice.
10. I/We will provide all lunch, snack, napkins, water bottles, and utensils from home each day for my child(ren). (An initial set of utensils will be provided by the school for each child.)
11. I/We consent to our child(ren) potentially being recorded over Zoom, Meet, and/or Seesaw, solely for the purpose of sharing lessons within the HMS community.

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**Please return this form to HMS on the first day of school.**