

**Mission Montessori Academy & The Farm at Mission Montessori
Academy “Mission Montessori Schools”**

Sick Policy

Please be diligent in keeping your children home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness. Please inform your child's teacher and email office@missionmontessori.com if your child will be staying home from school. If anyone in your family has been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the last 14 days, you must communicate with our school for guidance.

Please screen your child for symptoms each morning prior to coming to school. COVID symptoms which can range from mild to severe and may include:

- cough
- headache
- muscle or body aches
- nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- headache, sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- fever or chills
- fatigue (not as a sole symptom in a school setting)
- new loss of taste or smell

The following protocols will apply when a student or staff member shows symptoms of illness or is exposed to a COVID-19 symptomatic individual. If you would like to provide a negative test result to return to campus sooner than 6 days from the onset of symptoms, we will accept at home tests, lab tests and tests done in the school office.

Individual who tests positive:

- Individuals who test positive must follow the MCDPH Home Isolation Guidance. If the individual meets the criteria to return on day 6 from the positive test result, including being symptom free for 48 hours. We will not require a negative test to return on the 6th day; however, the individual must wear a properly fitting medical grade mask for days 6-10 while indoors on campus. If the individual is unable to wear a mask, they must isolate at home for 10 full days from the onset of symptoms or positive test result before they can return to school.

Symptomatic individual who tests negative:

- Remain off campus until 24 hours after fever resolution without the use of fever reducing medicine AND improved symptoms. Send a copy of the negative Covid-19 test result to the office or schedule a time to do a rapid test in the office before school.

Asymptomatic individual exposed (close contact) to symptomatic or COVID-positive individual:

- If identified as a close contact, an individual will need to follow the MCDPH Home Quarantine guidance. A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated
- For a household close contact, remain off campus for 5 days from last exposure and return if the individual remains asymptomatic and tests negative on the 6th day.
- For a school close contact, continue coming to school if the individual remains asymptomatic and wears a mask for 10 days from the close contact exposure and must participate in our test to stay program.

- If individual becomes symptomatic, they must remain off campus until they meet criteria listed above of a individual who tests positive or is not tested
- A COVID-19-positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or a doctor's note in order to return on the 6th day as long as they have not had a fever within 48 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- Please note: these protocols are applicable if you have not had and recovered from COVID-19 within the last 90 days. We will need evidence of a prior infection in order not to have to quarantine or isolate. This policy may evolve as additional information becomes available regarding the COVID-19 virus.