



PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN FOR CASA MONTESSORI, INC.

Parent Immunity Pledge

The health and safety of our entire community during a pandemic requires effort from all involved members. We must work together and take many precautions, including maintaining social bubbles, enacting social distancing, wearing masks, and regularly washing hands in order to minimize the risk of contagion and infection.

We ask that families help us build a strong community by keeping our social bubbles small and stable. The social bubble means expanding your group OUTSIDE of your household, but choosing a trusted group with whom you can consistently spend time. You must socialize within your social bubble only; weekend gatherings outside of regular school time is fine, but you must do your best to avoid risks when stepping outside of the bubble. The immunity pledge is simple but imperative during these times. **MOST IMPORTANTLY, you must inform Casa Montessori Inc. (818-886-7922, casamontessorinorthridge@gmail.com) if any of your family members or people who are in close contact with your family have signs of illness or exposure to COVID-19.** This communication will help to reduce all of our risk of exposure to COVID-19. Please ensure that you and your children do not come to school until you have quarantined for the appropriate length of time following any possible exposure to COVID-19. Please further note that Casa Montessori will not under any circumstances identify your child as testing positive for COVID-19 except as required by government health agencies. We therefore encourage you to notify Casa Montessori if your child is feeling unwell, for the safety of all other children and staff.

“I pledge to take the best precautions I can to protect my child(ren) and our community. I pledge to prioritize my child(ren)’s social bubble and minimize straying from it.”

Safe/ Best Practices

To maintain the health and safety of our community we will be taking the following actions:

1. Parents need to check their child(rens) and all family members temperature before school. If any family member has a temperature of 100.4 F/ 38 C or higher, exhibits any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, or other circumstances indicate that your child may be at risk (as determined by Casa Montessori in its discretion), your child cannot come to school and you must immediately notify Casa Montessori so that the school may enact precautionary measures.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- i. Fever or chills
- ii. Cough
- iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- iv. Fatigue
- v. Muscle or body aches
- vi. Headache
- vii. New loss of taste or smell
- viii. Sore throat
- ix. Congestion or runny nose
- x. Nausea or vomiting
- xi. Diarrhea

For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

2. No parents are allowed in the classroom. No exceptions (even to use the bathroom or to speak with the teachers.) If you wanted to contact the teacher you can write a note, email the office, or email the teacher using MontessoriCompass.
3. Children and staff will wash their hands upon entering the facility. Strict hygiene procedures will be maintained throughout the day.
4. Daily health screenings will occur every morning at your child's arrival. Staff and children, at this time, will be required to wear a face mask until further notice. The children will not need to wear the mask when they are working individually, eating, and napping for the younger children.
5. Handwashing posters will be displayed for staff and children in the bathrooms and near sinks.
6. Hand sanitizer will be placed by the sign in/out sheets and must be used prior to signing in/out. We highly recommend bringing your own pen but will provide pens.
7. Children will be reminded to cover their coughs and sneezes and to keep hands away from their face. Children will be instructed to wash hands upon coughing, sneezing, or touching their face. If children are showing any flu-like symptoms, have runny nose, excessive coughing etc.,

will be sent home. Even if a child has seasonal allergies, they will need a note from the physician stating that they can return to school.

8. The children will wash their hands before and after they use classroom materials. Staff will clean and sanitize high-contact surfaces and materials regularly.
9. Staff or students showing any signs of illness will stay home.
10. Snack and lunch will be brought from home until further notice.
11. Children will have their own individualized work stations and keep all belongings (including snack, lunch, change of clothes, and water bottle) in their assigned cubbies.
12. Nappers will keep nap items in their assigned cubbies and will be taken home to wash every Friday or when necessary.
13. Children will participate in individual activities and meals at their work stations and will be seated 6 feet apart from other children.
14. Group activities will occur spaced apart with appropriate social distancing and in assigned social bubbles only.
15. 'Circle Time' will be at their assigned tables instead of in the "well"
16. At this time, before and after school care will be outside on the playground.
17. At this time, we are postponing our After School Enrichment Program until further notice.
18. At this time, Assemblies will be postponed until further notice.
19. Students who cannot manage best practices or follow rules may be sent home.
20. During Pick-Up, you will need to wait in your car. A staff member will be notified of your arrival, and bring the child to you.
21. Casa Montessori will close immediately upon receiving an official report of a community member that has contracted the pandemic illness and resume online learning for all at a date to be determined later.

Health Screening

Please remember that if you have a fever, cough or other symptoms, you might have COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider immediately.

At the start of each school day, Casa Montessori will conduct a health check on each child before their parent leaves.

Casa Montessori staff will take the following steps:

Ask about any fever, cough, and trouble breathing within the last 24 hours.

Do a touch-free temperature screen of all children upon arrival.

The below are additional resources with the regards to the COVID-19, pandemic:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/elcdcovid19.asp>

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>



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By signing this document, you pledge to take the best precautions possible to protect your child(ren) and our community, to prioritize your child(ren)'s social bubble, and to minimize straying from it.

By signing below, you agree to abide by the forgoing procedures. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment for your children and our staff.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/ Guardian

Name of Student(s)