



Update to Mask Policy

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we have continued monitoring the guidelines set forth by the CDC, LARA (Licensing and Regulatory Affairs), and Kalamazoo County Health Department. We have and will continue to monitor our local cases and our community level and continue our heightened cleaning procedures. LARA is now recommending that masking be a personal choice for all families.

The Montessori School works hard to teach our students about Body Safety. We instruct all our staff in August and then relay that information to students daily. We practice being mindful of our own bodies and of others' bodies around us. As an administration team we have decided that we will continue to respect families wishes when it comes to masking. Families have the option to choose if their child needs to be masked or unmasked on a daily basis based on their comfort level. As a staff we will continue to teach body safety and respecting others' wishes if in close space.

What is a "Mask Ready" policy?

This means that if a student or teacher chooses to not wear a mask, they must still remain ready to wear a mask if needed or asked to wear one by a member of the school community when they will be working in close proximity to each other for an extended period of time.

Masks will be optional during the school day for all staff and students, provided that they are healthy and well enough to be present at school. We do understand that some staff and students will remain masked and others unmasked and we are supportive of their choices and will continue to use this as a model to honor other's choices and differences.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience. We will continue to work diligently to ensure that our campuses are clean and safe for all. Per best practice we will continue heightened cleaning procedures that go above and beyond the requirements for schools. Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns.

Questions about symptoms/exposure/quarantine: frontdesk@themontessorischool.org

Questions about policy/guidelines/other: headofschool@themontessorischool.org