



COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: 2021-2022 School Year Plan

Montessori Renaissance Academy will be learning fully in-person for the 2021-2022 school year, which begins on Tuesday, September 7th.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our students, staff, and families, especially during these unprecedented times.

The administration will continually monitor all COVID-19 related information and is prepared to be flexible and are ready to make modifications as necessary. Any modifications to our policies will be sent out via email.

A waiver will be presented to families to acknowledge they have received, read, and understand our policies. A completed waiver must be received by the administration prior to your child's start here at MRA.

PHYSICAL SAFETY

We encourage all individuals to sanitize their hands upon entry of our facility. We have a touchless dispenser attached to the front door frame as well as a pump dispenser on the table.

Contactless sign in/out is available through the QR code displayed on the sign in/out computer. To use the QR code, simply open your phone's camera. It should automatically scan the QR code and display a pop up link for you to click on. Please note, the link is only valid for a short period of time, so you will have to do this process every time. Those who choose to use the touchscreen are required to sanitize before and after touching the screen.

At this time, we are asking parents not enter into any rooms during drop off or pickup. Please remain on the blue carpet in the main hallway. When you are picking up from the playground, you may go outside, but we do ask that you expedite your pickup.

At this time, face coverings are not required for current students and families or staff. Parents and staff are welcome to wear them if they so choose. Parents have the sole discretion to choose if their child will, or will not, wear a face covering here at MRA, however, MRA reserves the right to remove a child's face covering if they cannot reliably wear it in compliance with CDC guidelines.

Please note: Those outside of our MRA community, such as family members that do not live in your household, babysitters/nannies, visitors touring our facility, etc. will be asked to wear a face covering. This is because they are not a part of our school cohort.

COHORTS

We are classifying our entire building as one cohort. Due to the small size of our community and building, there are connections that can be drawn between every classroom. These connections include siblings, staff children, etc. Therefore, we are proceeding with our school as one cohort.

CLEANING

Cleaning and sanitizing is a top priority and will be done multiple times a day. After each meal or snack we have a three-step system used to fully clean and sanitize the area. The use of common areas will be staggered to allow for additional cleaning and sanitization. We have an electrostatic sprayer, which we will use daily to clean and disinfect common areas. This is the same cleaning process used in hospitals.

HEALTH CHECKS

We encourage daily self-health checks prior to leaving your home and for anyone with any signs or symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19, to remain home.

We will be doing temperature checks as you enter the building. Anyone with a temperature of 99.4 or above will not be allowed entrance to our building. Random temperature checks will be done throughout the day. If a student or staff has a temperature of 99.4 or above, they will be sent home.

MRA reserves the right to send students home if they are displaying signs of illness; this includes but is not limited to a persistent cough, an excessive runny nose, a temperature of 99.4 or above, diarrhea, etc.

TESTING

If you, your child, or a member of your household is being tested for COVID-19, please notify the administration and keep us updated. You and your child will not be allowed to enter our facility until the results of the tests are in. Once you receive your results, please email us a copy of them at info@anokamontessori.org.

PLANNED RESPONSE TO A POSITIVE CASE

The school will closely monitor the rate of students being absent and collect more information from parents regarding an absent student.

Should a positive case be identified within our school, MRA will be notified as such by the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC with additional instruction and guidelines as to how to proceed. We will then notify parents via email and text, employ contact tracing, if possible, and will have quarantine guidelines for students, staff, and others that test positive.