



Covid-19 & Illness Policy

Contact Procedure

If you are keeping your child home from school for any reason, please text or leave a message at 518-218-6656. Please note that you may not receive an immediate response if the teachers are with students.

Please notify the school at learn@morningstarmontessorischool.org if your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for Covid-19, has an illness that warrants medication, or has the stomach bug or the flu. The School may share this information anonymously with the other parents if we see that an illness is going around in the classroom.

Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100.0°F)/chills
- Cough/shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste/smell

Testing

If your child is sick and displaying symptoms of Covid-19, please test your child using a PCR test or an at-home antigen test. If you are using an at-home antigen test, you must administer 2 tests, with the 2nd taken 24-36 hours after the first. Please send your test results to learn@morningstarmontessorischool.org. PCR results can be emailed as an attachment. When emailing the results of an at-home antigen test, state your child's name, date of test, and result. You may attach a photo of your child's at-home test, but it is not required.

Covid Positive

If your child tests positive for Covid, they must stay home and isolate for 5 days (Day 0 is day of symptom onset or positive test). On day 6, your child may return to school if they are fever free without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and their symptoms are improving. Your child will need to mask in the classroom on days 6-10.

Exposure to Covid

If your child is exposed to Covid, they may continue to attend school if they are symptom free. They must wear a mask for 10 days following their exposure. It is recommended that you test your child on day 5, or sooner if symptoms develop.

Masking

Universal masking is not required in the classroom. We respect everyone's right to choose to mask if they would like to. Children will be required to wear a mask for 10 days if they have been exposed to Covid-19 or if they are returning to the classroom after testing positive and have isolated for 5 days.