

Cedars Montessori School

COVID -19 Operating Plan Fall 2023

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INTRODUCTION

This document reflects our COVID - related protocols. This is a living document and will be modified as circumstances in our local community change. Anytime this plan is revised we will notify you via email with a community update of our operation plan.

VACCINATIONS

Staying up to date with COVID -19 vaccination is the leading public health strategy to prevent sickness. When infections occur among vaccinated people, they tend to be milder symptoms than among those who are unvaccinated.

At this time Cedars does not require the COVID -19 vaccine. Any updates regarding vaccinations from licensing (TXDFPS) will be communicated with families in a timely manner.

STAY HOME WHEN SICK

In order to keep our community as safe as possible we ask that children and staff stay home if two or more of the following symptoms occur.

- A temperature of 100°F or above
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose, congestion
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)
- Headache

Please notify the appropriate office (Primary : 512-288-1245, Elementary: 512-288-2776) Children or staff may return to campus after 24 hours symptom free or once they have received a negative test result (PCR or antigen). Please provide the results to the appropriate office.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING TO SCHOOL DUE TO A SYMPTOM ABOVE:

- Child can return to school after 24 hours fever free without medication OR with a negative test result . (PCR or Antigen)

IF YOU RECEIVE A CALL TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP EARLY DUE TO SYMPTOMS:

- Child can return to school after 24 hours fever free without medication OR with a negative test result. (PCR or Antigen)

MASKS

- Masks are optional at all levels of school at this time.
- Masks will be required in the following situations:

°A person has had a household exposure to a positive COVID case. The individual will be required to wear a mask indoors for 7 days following first exposure or .

°A person who has tested positive meets the requirements to return to school sooner than 10 days after testing positive. (Please refer to the criteria in the section POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19).

NOTIFICATIONS FROM CEDARS TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Cedars will communicate with families if their child has been in close contact with someone at school who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cedars will communicate with staff if a staff member has been in close contact with someone at school who has tested positive for COVID- 19.

AIR FILTRATION

HEPA filters and Medify air purifiers are in each classroom.

COVID -19 EXPOSURE

Children or staff exposed to COVID- 19 should monitor for symptoms for 10 days, as people can develop COVID- 19 up to 10 days after they have been exposed. Date of exposure, onset of symptoms or positive test is considered day 0.

Exposure within your immediate household:

- Child or adult must wear a mask indoors at school for 7 days following first exposure to close contact.

Exposure not within your household:

- Masking is recommended but not required after exposure

POSITIVE CASE OF COVID- 19

- Please notify the school if your child has tested positive
- Children or staff with a positive case of COVID - 19 **can return to school when the following criteria have been met:**
 - ° 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or since the child or staff member tested positive and
 - ° Symptoms have resolved and
 - °The child or staff member has been fever- free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Children or staff members will still need to wear a mask indoors on days 6-10 after testing positive if symptoms have passed. The mask requirement can be lifted prior to the 10 days if the child or staff member tests negative on a rapid test.

