



Covid-19 Preparedness Plan

In compliance with MDH and CDC guidelines for childcare programs, Miss Marie's Learning Center will follow the guidelines described below in order to provide a safe, and healthy environment during this pandemic. This plan describes in detail the steps that we will be taking to ensure everyone's safety at Miss Marie's Learning Center.

Drop-off and Pick-up of Children

- When dropping off your child, please adhere to the following:
 1. Please escort your child to the front door of the school.
 2. Once you are at the door, you will be met at the door by a teacher who will then do the following:
 - A. Fever scan your child with a contactless thermometer.
 - 1.) If your child's Temperature is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above, your child will not be Permitted to enter the school.
 - 2.) If the temperature is a COVID related Temperature, please refer to the decision tree attached.
 - 3.) If the fever is NOT COVID-related, your child may return to school fever-free without the Aid of medication for 24 hours before returning.
- You will also be asked a series of questions. The questions are as follows:
 1. Have you been exposed to Covid?
 2. Does your child have the following symptoms...
Fever, shortness of breath, or cough? Has your child lost his/her sense of smell or taste?
 3. Once your child has entered the facility, they will be directed to wash their hands before beginning any activities.
- If there are a few children waiting to be admitted to school, please remain in your Car until a teacher is free to admit your child.
- **There will be an additional fever scan taken of the children after lunch.**
- When picking up your child, you can message us through our Brightwheel app and we will have your child ready. Once you arrive, we will escort your child to the door and hand them to you. We ask that only one parent do the pick-ups and drop offs daily.

School Procedures

- Once your child has been admitted into school, they will be segregated into their respective classrooms. They will remain with the same group of children for the duration of the day.
- There will be visual cues ie., mats or tape to show children where to sit during group time. If your child naps, cots will be placed six feet apart for appropriate social distancing.
- Recess will be staggered according to classrooms in order to keep the same group of children together.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms rather than having all children together.
- Hand washing is key to a healthy environment. Hand washing will take place as follows:



- Upon arrival
 - Before lunch
 - After lunch
 - After recess
 - Before snack
 - Hands washed any time a child puts his/her fingers in their mouths or after blowing their noses.
 - School supplies will be kept individually. Each child will have their own box of supplies that will contain the following:
 - scissors
 - crayons
 - markers
 - colored pencils
 - glue
- These supplies will be housed in a box and will not be used by any other child.
The Boxes will be housed in their designated classrooms.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- All tables, chairs, cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Light switches, door handles, toilet fixtures after all the children have arrived and washed their hands, before lunch, after lunch, and at the end of the school day.
- All communal toys/ work will be disinfected every day.
- Supplies such as crayons, scissors etc, will not be shared and housed in boxes for each individual child to use.
- If a person is sick in the facility please do the following:
 1. Close off areas used by the person
 2. Open doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area
 3. Clean and disinfect all areas used by the sick person:
 - bathrooms, doors, tables, chairs, cots, any supplies or toys used by the individual.
 4. Once area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
- If a child or staff member is sick at school and is diagnosed with COVID, we will report it to the Minnesota Department of Health and follow their recommendations.
- Outdoor areas are to be cleaned with soap and water but not disinfected. Wipe down all high use equipment, i.e. bars, rails, stairs and handles.

Plans for Sick Children, Staff and Volunteers

- Please refer to the decision tree provided by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health for inclusion and exclusion to the school.
- If staff or volunteers or children have been exposed to COVID or have been tested for COVID, it must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health.
- If for any reason, your child is tested for COVID, for any routine medical procedure, your child cannot return to school until you receive a firm test result. If it is negative, they may return to school. If positive they may not return to school for 14 days.

All Staff MUST be trained in COVID policies/procedures on the first day of training.

Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs

For people (e.g., children, care providers, or staff) who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, send home or deny entry and reference the exclusion criteria in this document to determine when they may return.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following: fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

If a person has a new symptom (for example, new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

For people who received a laboratory test for COVID-19

[What to do if you're waiting for COVID-19 test results \(PDF\)](#)
(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/waiting.pdf)

Positive test result: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

Negative test result but symptoms with no other diagnosis: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

For people with a COVID-19 diagnosis *without* a lab test OR people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 *without* a medical evaluation (e.g., monitoring symptoms at home)

Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 3 days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.



For people with other diagnoses (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) that explain the symptoms, or when a health care provider says symptoms are connected to a pre-existing condition

Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific return guidance from the health care provider or follow the [Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual](#) (www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual).

If symptoms related to a pre-existing condition change or worsen, talk to a health care provider to determine next steps.

Siblings and household members **do not** need to stay home.