

North Star Montessori Academy
Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

2022-23 School Year

Face Coverings

- North Star Montessori Academy students and staff will have the option of wearing facial coverings/masks during school functions. This will not be a requirement. We will respect the choice made by families regarding the wearing of masks.
- If the Marquette County Health Department or the State of Michigan issue a mask mandate, North Star Montessori Academy students and staff will follow the mandate. When the mandate is lifted, North Star Montessori Academy will fall back to a mask optional policy.

Hygiene

- North Star Montessori Academy will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques). We will also encourage handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- North Star Montessori Academy will encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- North Star Montessori Academy staff will systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- North Star Montessori Academy teaching staff will strongly encourage students to thoroughly wash their hands with soap throughout the school day. Teachers and/or custodial staff will disinfect classroom materials between use or provide adequate supplies to assign for individual student cleaning.
- North Star Montessori Academy will continue to use hand sanitizing stations throughout the school buildings, including individual classrooms.

Cleaning

- North Star Montessori Academy custodial and instructional staff will disinfect frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, throughout the school day with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- North Star Montessori Academy custodial and instructional staff will frequently disinfect libraries, computer labs, specials classrooms, and other hands-on with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution.
- North Star Montessori Academy custodial and instructional staff will frequently disinfect student tables and Montessori materials with an eco-safe disinfectant or diluted bleach solution

- North Star Montessori Academy custodial staff will routinely clean the playground equipment.
- North Star Montessori Academy custodial and instructional staff will ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from our students, and with adequate ventilation when staff use products.
- North Star Montessori Academy custodial and instructional staff will be encouraged to wear gloves when performing all cleaning activities.

Screening

- North Star Montessori Academy will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.
- Our staff will encourage families to check their child's temperature at home each morning using oral, tympanic, or temporal thermometers. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will stay home and consider coronavirus testing if symptoms of COVID 19 are present.
- Our staff will encourage families to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19. We will recommend if there is a presence of any symptoms, including cough or shortness of breath, should prompt the family to keep the student home from school and to follow up with a primary care provider.

Testing

- North Star Montessori Academy will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.
- If required by the Marquette County Health Department, our families will be notified via email of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID 19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.

Identification of Close Contacts and Quarantine

- North Star Montessori Academy will cooperate with the Marquette County Health Department regarding the identification of close contacts and quarantine.

Projects/Activities performed using funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Educational Relief Fund (ESSER)

Additional personnel employed to combat social/emotional issues for our students and staff.

- Additional technology to help address learning loss
- Additional personnel employed to address learning loss
- After school programming to address learning loss