

Dear TRM Families:

We are anxiously awaiting opening our doors to you and your children on September 13th! The lower level is looking beautiful and construction plans are moving forward as planned. We now have all staff in the building training and setting up classrooms. We are proud to have such a talented, unique and skilled group of professionals.

As you know, the COVID-19 situation has demanded a large amount of time and attention and continues to morph almost daily. TRM administration and School Board have dedicated time and resources to adequately understand and deliberate options for our students and families.

Please note decisions may change with board approval in relation to updated MDE guidance. Also, the TRM School Board and administration fully intend to continue to request your opinion as supporters of our program and make decisions based on what families have expressed as priority for students enrolled at TRM.

At this time, **masks will be optional for TRM students**. Any family and/or student that wishes to wear a mask will be encouraged and welcome to do so.

TRM will conduct temperature checks upon arrival and we also ask families to screen for more common and less common symptoms as detailed on the MDH decision tree below at home.

Individual classrooms will continue to function as “cohorts” to limit exposure for students and teachers.

Please review the MDH decision tree in regards to quarantine requirements based on symptoms, positive test results and exposure.

TRM will follow the first and second path in regards to more common and less common symptoms and test results (or the option not to test) for **students and staff members**.

The close contact definition is included in the close contact path. TRM will offer a **10 day quarantine period** should a student be identified as a “close contact” of someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

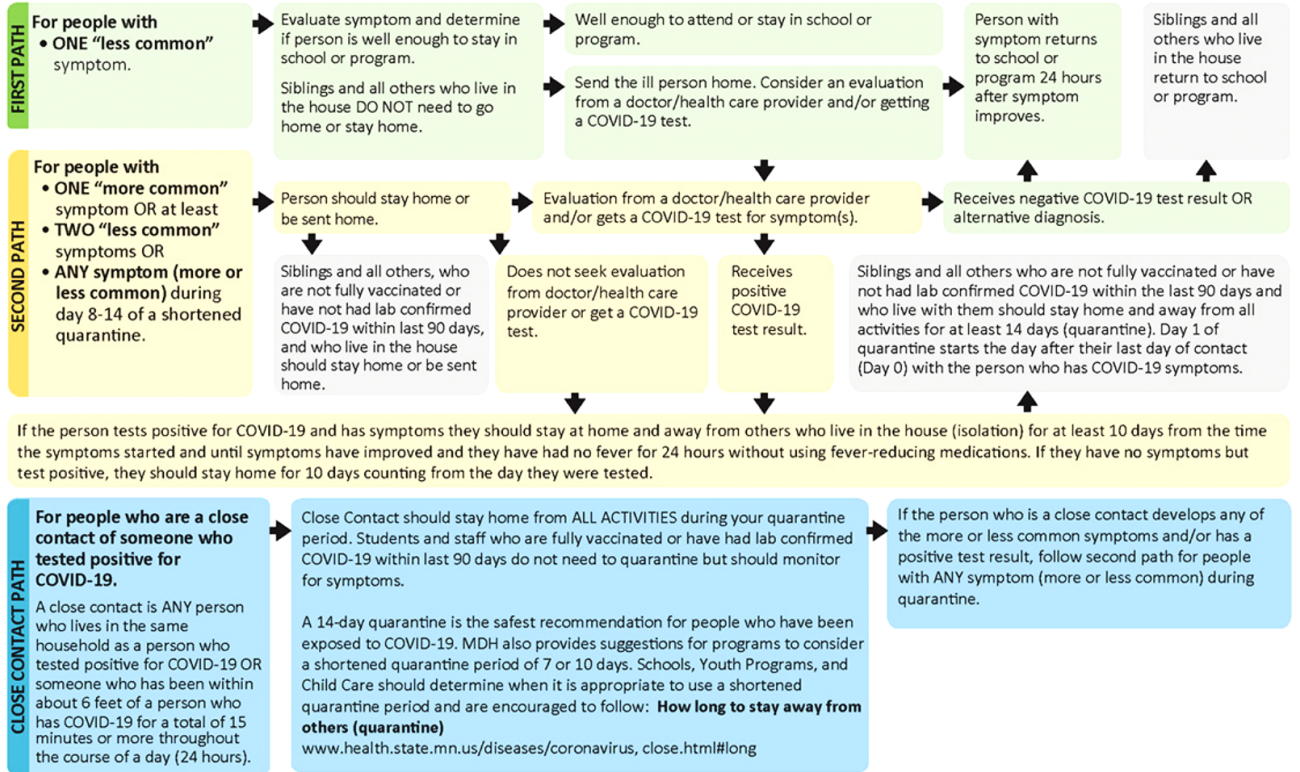
Should you have questions regarding whether or not your child should attend school, reach out as soon as possible to rose.bringus@threeiversmontessori.org or call 763-595-1213. Please do not send your child to TRM if he/she is experiencing symptoms or there has been a positive case in your household until you have spoken with an administrator.

At this time TRM will not hold testing events on-site. If you are seeking a COVID test please utilize <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/>. TRM will communicate additional resources throughout the school year.

Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Settings are encouraged to follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person – regardless of vaccination status – is experiencing the following symptoms.

- **More common:** fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common:** sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.



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Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to grow our Montessori program in Elk River.

Sincerely,

Rose Bringus

Executive Director