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For Attendance Matters:

attendance@threeriversmontessori.org

Menu Submission:

lunch@threeriversmontessori.org

Before and After Care:

beforeandaftercare@threeriversmontessori.org

All Other Questions:

admin@threeriversmontessori.org

TRM Phone#: 763-595-1213

Picture Day: October 5th, 2021

Wreath Sales: October 15th - 25th, 2021

School Conferences: October 19th & 20th

Regular School Board Meeting: October 19th, 7pm

No School: October 18th - 22, 2021

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COVID-19 UPDATES

The Three Rivers Montessori Board of Directors Special Meeting on 9/29/21 produced some significant changes to COVID-19 protocols at TRM while maintaining certain current protocols to keep students learning in person in a healthy environment. The changes were made to ensure TRM is providing an exceptional learning opportunity for your children while keeping the physical and mental health of students at the heart of decisions.

MASKING

The current masking policy stands. Masks are optional for students and staff. Individuals who wish to wear them are strongly encouraged to do so.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

TRM will continue to conduct temperature checks upon arrival. We also ask families to screen for more common and less common symptoms detailed in the “ready for school” protocols below.

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

CLOSE CONTACT COMMUNICATION - WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE CLASSROOM (STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER)

[YOUR CHILD’S NAME] was identified as a close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID. Your child’s last date of contact with the positive case was [DATE OF CONTACT].

Your child is not required to quarantine at this time and may continue to attend school provided no symptoms of illness are present.

If your child exhibits any of the symptoms listed on the Ready for School protocol (attached below) before [14 DAYS FROM DATE OF CONTACT], please keep the child home, call in an absence to the school, and consider having the child tested for COVID.

If you choose not to have your child tested for COVID, your child must stay home until all symptoms have resolved. If you choose to have your child tested for COVID, your child should stay home until the test result is known. If the result is negative, your child may return to school as soon as symptoms resolve and your child feels well enough to return. If the test is positive, your child should isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and may return to school after the isolation period is complete and the child feels well enough to return.

Please contact TRM at 763.595.1213 with questions.

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TRM “READY FOR SCHOOL” REQUIREMENTS

Updated 9/29/21

Three Rivers Montessori School requires parents and guardians to evaluate their child(ren) daily BEFORE sending them to school.

If the school is notified of a positive COVID-19 test result and your child(ren) is identified as a close contact (defined as within 6 ft. of the individual for 15 minutes or more throughout the day) parents/guardians will be notified and may decide whether to have their student(s) stay home as long as they are symptom free (based on the protocol below).

Students with symptoms MUST stay home based on the protocol below. If a student has a positive COVID-19 test result, please notify TRM administration immediately.

Individuals who test positive will complete a 10 day isolation period at home. 10 days starts the day after the onset of symptoms or the date of a positive test result if asymptomatic.

If your student(s) has been exposed (via the close contact definition) to another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and your family chooses to quarantine, please monitor your child for symptoms and see the symptom protocol below.

SYMPTOM PROTOCOL

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME if he/she is experiencing **ONE** of the following symptoms or set of symptoms **until 24 hours after the symptoms or set of symptoms have resolved:**

Fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ F

New cough/cough that gets worse

Difficulty/hard time breathing

New loss of taste or smell

OR

TWO OR MORE of the following symptoms associated with Influenza or COVID:

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

Consider having your child tested for COVID-19 if he or she is experiencing:

ONE or more of the following symptoms associated with COVID:

Fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ F

New cough or worsening cough

Difficulty/hard time breathing

Loss of sense of taste or smell

If your child is symptomatic as outlined above your child does not meet the criteria for being at school.

1. Keep the sick child at home
2. Notify TRM by emailing attendance@threeriversmontessori.org or by calling 763-595-1213 that your child will not be attending school **each morning** the child will be absent.
3. Decide if your child should be tested for COVID.

If you need assistance determining whether or not your child should stay home or be tested due to symptoms please contact rose.bringus@threeriversmontessori.org or call 763-595-1213.

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DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

MORNING DROP OFF

CAR DROP OFF | 7:40-7:55 AM

BUS DROP OFF | 7:55-8:00 AM

AFTERNOON PICK UP

BUS PICK UP | 2:30-2:35 PM

CAR PICK UP | 2:40-2:55 PM

IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY! After 7:55am busses have priority in the drive alley.

IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY! Prior to 2:40 pm busses have priority in the drive alley.

Cars will NOT BE ALLOWED to use the drive alley during bus times. If you are dropping off between 7:55am you will be asked to walk your child to the main entrance door. If it is after 8:00am please sign your child in.



Transportation is provided within the boundaries of ISD728 (ER). For bussing info/questions please contact Vision Transportation: 763-441-4420 info@visionmidwest.com

BUS TRANSFER SITES

Salk Middle School | Vandenberg Middle School | Prairie View Middle School

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 5TH!

Order your pictures online through Nordvik's Photography or send the completed form with your child on picture day.

<https://nordviksphotography.hhimagehost.com/V2/Home/LoginConsumer?EK=174526>

Communication regarding retakes will be sent out after October 5th.



PLAYGROUND UPDATE



Thanks to our amazing volunteer efforts the TRM playground materials are on order with a delivery date in mid-November. Equipment is winter friendly so the children can enjoy it right away!

Items include:

Triple Ball Toss

Whirl and Twirl

Balance Beam

Fire Station Climber

Swings

We are grateful to have such a wonderful green space to continue to add outdoor exploration opportunities for our students!

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WREATH SALES

Order your wreaths, door sprays, centerpieces and table top trees through TRM! We are accepting orders online through our vendor Mickman's from October 15 - October 25. All orders will be delivered directly to your homes between November 16 - 23.

Place your order at <https://giftitforward.com/> with fundraising code THREEERMN001

Look for flyers coming home in October.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the school conferences on October 19 & 20. Up to 50% of book sales at the fair will be given back to Three Rivers Montessori to purchase books and other resources!

Look for a code in the flyers coming home in October to purchase books online.

If you are interested in volunteering to help run the book fair email jonna.duke@threeriversmontessori.org

TRM APPAREL

Three Rivers Montessori t-shirts and hoodies will be on sale October 19 & 20th at the school conferences. We will be accepting cash and Venmo.

If you would like to pre-order, please email jonna.duke@threeriversmontessori.org with the **item, size and amount** you are ordering.



Youth T-shirts: \$18.00
Youth Hoodies: \$28.00
Adults T-shirts: \$20.00
Adults Hoodies: \$30.00

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TRM SCHOOL BOARD & SUBCOMMITTEES

The TRM school board is currently an interim board. Board Elections will be held in the spring of the year 2022. At this time we are looking for board members and subcommittee members of different skill levels to help the school facilitate its goals of being financially fiscal and an authentic Montessori school with an environmental focus.

We ask that all board members attend a virtual monthly board meeting held on the third Tuesday of each month. This meeting begins at 7:00 pm and generally runs until 9:00 pm, as well as any special board meetings. In addition to attending the board meeting we encourage all board members to serve on a subcommittee. This is where board members can spend an additional two to eight hours a month on subcommittee activities.

For more information see: <https://threeriversmontessori.org/board-%26-meeting-schedule>



FACEBOOK GROUP & TRM PARENT COMMITTEE

Stay connected with other TRM parents on our facebook group **Parents of Three Rivers Montessori**.

This group was created to help other parents get in touch to discuss everything from meeting up at a local park to asking questions about happenings at the school.



Join the TRM Parent Committee! This group's focus is creating events, fundraisers and community across our school. We are always looking for parents who would like to help shape and lead future events. If you are interested in volunteering your time, skills or resources please join the facebook group TRM Parent Committee or if you are not on facebook email Jonna.duke@threeriversmontessori.org

THANK YOU FOR READING!

