

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do you monitor for symptoms of COVID-19?

Before entering the school, we conduct temperature checks on students, staff and visitors using no-touch thermometers and disinfected forehead thermometers where necessary. Those with temperatures above 100.4 degrees will be sent home.

Screening questions will be asked regarding contact with persons who have contracted COVID-19 and on relevant symptoms (persistent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, cold, diarrhea and/or vomiting) in the past 2 weeks.

We visually check the child for signs of illness, including flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness. When children appear ill or “not themselves” throughout the day, we continue to monitor temperature and symptoms and isolate them from the group (in case of fever) for prompt pickup.

Q: How do you educate students on proper hygiene?

MSR employees will participate in professional development workshops prior to the start of the school year. Employees and students will be educated on how to cough and sneeze into their elbows as well as proper handwashing techniques. Handwashing signs have been posted near all faucets and hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the building in common spaces and in all classrooms. Students and staff are encouraged to use hand sanitizer if they are unable to wash their hands,

Q: How do you practice social distancing?

We practice social distancing developmentally appropriately. This includes alternating use of common spaces among groups (which are cleaned in between uses) and creating smaller designated areas for classes when using large spaces to keep children from gathering outside of their group.

We maintain smaller group sizes in accordance with current executive orders. We do our best to keep consistent class groups of children and caregivers and minimize mixing between groups or contact with persons of other groups.

Field trips and special events in larger groups of children or families have been cancelled.

Q: How do you ensure hygiene?

We have one team member dedicated to cleaning and sanitizing during the day. At the end of each day our building is professionally cleaned and classroom guides will disinfect all materials to make ready for the next day. We are following all CDC and Oakland County Health Department guidelines.

We limit the number of items brought into our facility. Comfort items will be sent home at least once a week for washing.

Q: What are the cleaning and sanitizing processes and additional details on cleaning:

Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, etc; undergo cleaning using an EPA-approved disinfectant or bleach solution at least every 4 hours. Common areas undergo cleaning using an EPA-approved disinfectant or bleach solution at the end of each day and between class periods. Playground structures continue to undergo normal routine cleaning using an EPA-approved disinfectant or bleach solution.

We ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfecting products. Staff wears gloves, surgical mask, and face shield when performing all cleaning activities.

We use Electrostatic Victory Sprayer (used by airlines and medical offices) to enhance our cleaning and disinfecting capabilities.

Q: Is social-emotional wellness a priority?

The social-emotional learning, maintaining relationships, and keeping both staff and students safe have been and will always be MSR priorities. Being mindful of heightened anxiety, we have put the social-emotional wellness at the center of our work. MSR promotes a culture of compassion, empathy, self-care, equity and belonging for all students and staff.

Q: Are facemasks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) compulsory for children?

Per Executive Order No. 2020-164 issued on August 6, 2020; extended through August 15th, 2020

All staff and all children ages 4 and up when in indoor hallways and common areas.

All staff and all children ages 12 and up when in classrooms, homes, cabins, or similar indoor settings.

All visitors to the child-care organization or camp

Exceptions. *face coverings at child-care organizations and camps are not required:*

- *For children under the age of 2;*
- *For any child who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, has trouble breathing, or is unable to remove the face covering without assistance;*
- *While eating, sleeping, swimming, or performing high-intensity activities (not including singing or cheering);*
- *When a child or staff member is outdoors and able to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household*

Q: Will extra masks be provided at school if one is lost or broken?

Yes. MSR will provide a disposable face mask available for emergencies or in the case a student arrives at school without one.

Q: Will the students in the classroom be tested?

No. MSR does not require COVID-19 testing before beginning school.

Q: What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community?

The MSR will send staff or children who become symptomatic home immediately or isolate those who cannot leave immediately in the medical room of the office. We will isolate children safely under adult supervision until they can be picked up.

We require staff and families of children in care to inform our school if they are symptomatic or receive positive COVID-19 test results.

If a child, staff member, family member, or visitor to our childcare becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, MSR will contact the local health department and licensing consultant for next steps. MSR will follow all Oakland County public health department guidelines if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified.

When notifying families of positive cases of COVID-19 we will respect the privacy of the individuals in our care and maintain student and/or staff confidentiality.

MSR will take reasonable precautions to protect health information pursuant to all applicable laws and statutes including but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1975 (FERPA).

Q: If someone tests positive for COVID-19 in the facility, who quarantines?

MSR will continue to work with Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) to provide guidance on when or if quarantine is necessary. It is possible that individual classrooms could be closed in the event of a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.

Q: What is the policy for students or staff who appear to have COVID-19 symptoms at school?

The MSR will send staff or children who exhibit identified symptoms or have a temperature above 100.4 home immediately. Those who cannot leave immediately will be quarantined in the medical room of the office. We will isolate children safely under adult supervision until they can be picked up.

Students sent home with COVID-19 symptoms should be kept home until they have tested negative or have completely recovered according to the Oakland County Health Department guidelines.

Q: What is the policy for students or staff to return to school after they have tested positive for COVID-19?

MSR will follow the current Oakland County Health Department guidelines regarding clearance for students and/or staff members to return to school.

Q: Who decides when the school should close due to positive COVID-19 case(s)?

MSR will notify the Oakland County Health Department of each positive case and will follow their guidelines and recommendations.

Q: What if someone in our household tests positive for COVID-19?

It is currently recommended that anyone in close contact with a probable or positive case of COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days.

Q: If a student travels out of town/state for any reason, do we need to quarantine?

There are no restrictions on travel at this time that require quarantine when entering the state of Michigan. However, we will comply with any updates that are given regarding travel restrictions.