



# Montessori Forest School Short-Term-Enrollment & Waiver

**Our Mission:** As Superheroes for the Families in our Community, Montessori Forest School is offering Short-Term-Enrollment to Families in need of Child Care during the current King County K-12 shutdowns that have been followed, though not mandated, by most preschools in our area.

The DCYF (Department of Children, youth & Families) broadcast this statement, requesting preschools to stay open: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe6HhJQhvwk&feature=youtu.be>

**Our Promise:** Until otherwise advised, or mandated by the governing body of the State of WA: as long as our teachers are healthy, we will stay open.

## **Our Benefit:Risk Assessment:**

The benefit to the child:

[Outdoor gatherings are less risky than indoors ones since COVID-19 spreads more easily when people are close together in confined spaces. Plus, it's important for kids to get active outside time every day. Research shows that daily time for kids outdoors also boosts the health and wellbeing of the adults in their lives.](#)

As we're a fully outdoors program, we feel the child /children will benefit from:

- **Fresh air** - Germs don't get recirculated, or vented, to enclosed spaces, as there are no enclosed spaces;
- **Sunlight** - Vitamin D3 boosts Calcium absorption & mood hormones = less stress; bones and teeth strengthening;
- **Space** - to run freely as a team; to express emotions freely; without feeling confined or restricted - relieves stress;
- **Nature Immersion** - trees, earth, plants and animals (birds being the only generally sighted animals in our park and rain forest) are natural play and wonder immune boosters - no sanitation required of the tree we climb or the muddy puddles in which we splash;
- **Exercise** - Movement releases endorphins, relieves stress, helps with sleep and is healthy for the cardiovascular system and growing musculoskeletal system;
- **Fun** - the great outdoors, exploration, adventure, socializing with friends of similar ages and the beautiful, natural views, help strengthen the immune system, strengthen eyesight and feel connected to community.

The risks - mitigation:

We are following [the current King County Guidelines for safe social interactions at this time](#)

And the Best Starts for Kids - [We want social distancing, not social isolation](#)

Current Best Practices.

Here are some steps we are taking to keep children and adults safe:

- Continue to apply social distancing practices outdoors, like remaining 6 feet apart or minimum arm's length and no face-to-face contact; regular hand washing;
- Aim to limit the group to no more than 50 children (we have up to 6 children currently enrolled and are limited to 12 - 1:6 Teacher:Child ratio - 16 max);
- Limit face-to-face contact;
- Repeatedly [clean and disinfect](#) any shared sporting equipment, especially objects touched with hands, like balls, bats, playground equipment (now out of bounds) & classroom materials;
- Any parents or adults that join must practice social distancing and not participate if they are sick;
- Inform Guardians that FRUITS are better immune boosters than animal products.

**Our Solution:** We are now offering Short-Term Child Care to Families in need.

What that looks like:

- You may enroll on a **month-to-month** basis;
- You will receive a **refund** for the cancelled days of the Short-Term Child Care package, if your current Primary Child Care Provider reopens within any given month;
- Here is our regular [Tuition](#) Offering (Approx. \$43 /day, 9:30am - 1:30pm, M-F + \$50 Registration Fee), which is more affordable than a general nannying option (Approx. \$15 - \$30 /hour);
- We will wave the Application & Administration Fee;
- If you decide you'd like to [Enroll](#) your child with us on an ongoing basis, we will honor your current Short-Term-Enrollment agreement, plus discount you \$100 from the Tuition on Sign-Up-Transition from Short-Term-Enrollment, to Enrollment 2019 - 2020 (M-F Half /School Day only). We are currently honoring Open Enrollments for the 2019 - 2020 School Year (M-F Half /School Day Enrollments will take precedence).

**Waiver:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Guardian), understand the risks and benefits of enrolling my child /children\_\_\_\_\_ (Participant) in a Preschool Program at this time (COVID-19 awareness).

I understand that by signing this agreement, I release and forever discharge the Preschool Provider (Montessori Forest School /MFS), their staff, heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns, from all manner of actions, causes of action, debts, accounts, bonds, contracts, claims and demands for or by reason of any injury to person or property, including injury resulting in the death of the Participant, which has been or may be sustained as a consequence of the Participant's participation in attending the Preschool Program, and notwithstanding that such damage, loss or injury may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Preschool Provider.

The Guardian hereby acknowledges that the Participant does not have COVID-19, any physical limitations, medical ailments, physical or mental disabilities that would limit or prevents the Participant from participating in the Preschool Program mentioned. If required, the Participant will obtain a medical examination and clearance.

This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the parties to this Agreement, which is construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

**Emergency Contacts:**

Participant 1

Emergency Contact Name\_\_\_\_\_;

Emergency Contact Number\_\_\_\_\_.

Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_.

Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_.

Date\_\_\_\_\_.

Montessori Forest School Director\_\_\_\_\_.