

MSA Montessori Preschool

Communicable Disease Prevention

Do Not Enter if you have symptoms of COVID-19, common cold, influenza or respiratory disease. Such as fever 38°, cough or difficulty breathing. STAY HOME!

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- Drop –off/Pick-up: To avoid congestion at the door, the door will be open 10 minutes before regular scheduled class times. Please step back 2 meters and practice social distancing. ***One family at a time at the top of the stairs.**
- Parents will not enter the center unless approved by staff and wearing a mask.
- Staff will greet the parent and child outdoors, then sign your child in/out to reduce contact with the pen & sheet directly.
- **Hand washing/Sanitizing** will be done first upon entering the preschool. All children, parents and staff must wash before interacting with others. Regular hand hygiene is always done before eating, after using the toilet, playing outside, sneezing, coughing and when visibly dirty. Staff will supervise and encourage proper hand-washing with soap and water.

Daily Health Assessment

- Staff will conduct a daily verbal health check at drop-off asking parents to confirm that their child does not have symptoms of COVID-19, common cold, influenza or other respiratory diseases.
- Children who are ill are not permitted to attend. Staff must also assess themselves daily for symptoms.
- If parents or staff members are unsure, they should call 8-1-1 or use the BC COVID-19 online assessment tool to assess whether they should stay home or not.
- **Snack:** Children will not share food, drinks, or personal items. Label your snack containers to avoid accidental sharing. Labelled water bottles may be sent daily.
- **Physical Distancing:** Children will be encouraged to keep their hands to themselves while near others and staff will maintain physical distance with one another. Our environment is organized for small group and individual activities with adequate space.
- **Cleaning and disinfecting** of frequently touched surfaces will be done between classes, twice a day, general cleaning at least once a day. Practicing good hand hygiene is the most important factor for prevention of transmission. Toys & Equipment will be disinfected between classes and rotated often.
- **Fresh Air:** We have added a True Hepa Air Purifier to the center and will open the windows whenever possible for good air ventilation.
- **Outdoors:** More time will be spent outdoors daily, please dress for children/child appropriately.
- If a child should become ill while at preschool, the child will be separated in a supervised area and a parent or caregiver will be contacted to pick up. Contact 8-1-1 or local public health office to seek advice. If your child is assessed by their family physician and it is determined they **Do NOT** have **COVID-19**, please stay home for 48 hours before returning. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at home, you must keep them home for 5 days or until symptoms subside.

