



A Better School of Thought.

August 20, 2021

Dear MCMA Families,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! MCMA has been hard at work the past few weeks, preparing for the upcoming year. We know that the information around health and safety protocols is of most importance to our families. In this communication, you will find our plan for the mitigation strategies for the start of the year.

### Instructional Programming

- Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021, students will attend school in-person, five days per week.
- A virtual option will not be available for students, unless classrooms or the school need to quarantine.

### Health & Safety Protocols

- **Masking** (*Subject to change, based on Macomb County Health Department guidelines*)
  - In alignment with the CDC, MDHHS, And Macomb County Health Department, Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy is **strongly recommending** face coverings (indoors) for students, staff, and volunteers.
  - We are **strongly recommending** that all students wear facial coverings the first two weeks of school, and after all major breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Mid-Winter Break, and Spring Break).
- **Daily Home Screening**
  - See link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ghHs9\\_AvdYekmMnywVZa-qnOpF77tVAC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ghHs9_AvdYekmMnywVZa-qnOpF77tVAC/view)
  - It is extremely important that everyone continue to be diligent in monitoring their children and themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and other illnesses. If your child is sick, please keep them home and seek medical attention.
  - Students' temperatures will be taken daily upon arrival, and as needed if necessary.
- **Cleaning & Sanitizing**
  - Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy will continue the same practices of cleaning and sanitizing, from the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to provide hand sanitizing stations and individual cleaning options.
- **Visitors**
  - At this time, we will allow visitors in the building by appointment only. Visitors will need to contact Ashley Lesage via email ([alesage@mtclemensmontessori.com](mailto:alesage@mtclemensmontessori.com)) or phone 586-465-5545.
- **Contract Tracing & Quarantine**

- MCMA will be working with the Macomb County Health Department, assisting with contract tracing of all positive and probable cases of COVID-19.
- Additionally, individuals will be required to quarantine who meet the definition of a close contact. We will be following the quarantine timeline of the Macomb County Health Department.
  - **Fully vaccinated** individuals, or those who have tested positive in the past 90 days, will not have to quarantine if identified as a close contact. *Proof of vaccination and previous diagnosis will be required in order to waive quarantine.*
  - **Non-vaccinated** individuals who are both wearing a mask during the time of contact, will be identified as a close contact within a 3-foot distance.
  - **Non-vaccinated** individuals where one individual is not wearing a mask during the time of contact will be identified as a close contact within a 6-foot distance.

### Communication

- MCMA will continue the same transparency reporting process as last year via the school website and email. Communication of positive and probable cases will be shared with parents via School Messenger. Parents should ensure that they are registered for School Messenger messages and have up to date contact information in PowerSchool. (You will receive more information on PowerSchool prior to the beginning of the school year.)
- It is imperative that parents communicate with the school office on any sick or symptomatic children. We will need to continue to know of positive and symptomatic students as soon as possible. Students who may have been exposed to COVID-19 in their homes and outside of school activities should remain home following Macomb County Health Department guidelines.

### Other Information

- Hot Lunch will be offered for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Latchkey will be offered before and after school. (6:30a-8:00a & 3:00p-6:00p)
- Arrival and dismissal will be the same as last year. Preschool will be following the same schedule as the elementary school, so there may be a delay in arrival and dismissal in the beginning of the school year as we get into a routine.

We all want a full return to normalcy and will be doing all we can to support that this school year. Experience is knowledge and we feel confident in our ability to take the recommendations of the county and state, and implement to the best of our ability as we meet the needs of our students.

We would like to thank you again for your commitment to MCMA. We are committed to ensuring the social, emotional, and academic success of all of our students.

We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, September 7th.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Lesage