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Humbervale Montessori School COVID-19 Protocols

Humbervale Montessori School students attend school five days per week and remain together in one cohort for class time, recess and lunch. They will always be with one teacher and one assistant in each cohort. Arrival, dismissal and lunch times are staggered between the cohorts to support social distancing. Cohorting is the practice of putting students and teachers together into groups so there is no exposure to other teachers or students. This practice limits the number of other students that a single student is in contact with throughout the day. Arrival, dismissal and lunch times are staggered between the cohorts to support social distancing.

Humbervale Montessori School uses multiple strategies guided by Toronto Public Health advice to ensure the school provides a healthy and safe environment for our students and staff to grow and learn. They include but are not limited to:

Daily Screening

All staff and students must self-screen daily and submit a paper screening form before entering the building.

Masks

Students and staff are required to wear masks indoors, as well as outdoors during recess. They are taught to properly don and doff their masks using hand sanitizer.



Ventilation and Physical Distancing

Each classroom is equipped with a Surgically Clean JADE Air Filtration unit that is kept running at all times to keep the air clean and circulating. Our HVAC system also has a HEPA filter. Classroom furniture is set up to encourage physical distancing.

Cleaning Standards and Protocols

Surfaces and materials are cleaned and disinfected in accordance with Toronto Public Health Policies. High touch areas within the school are cleaned and disinfected twice a day and all Montessori materials are cleaned between users.

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Management of Suspected and Confirmed Cases

Any staff member who develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be sent home immediately. Any student who develops COVID-19 symptoms while in school will immediately be separated from others until they are picked up by a parent. Students in isolation will be supervised with physical distancing maintained and full PPE provided to supervising staff.

Communication with Parents

Humbervale Montesori School maintains regular email communication with the school community to provide updates on any potential or confirmed cases and any changes to school policies or procedures.

Early Care, After School Care and Clubs

Early Care and After School Programs will only be available to registered Humbervale Montessori School students. Students will participate in the two programs in their own classroom, with their own cohort and teachers. Clubs have been cancelled until further notice. The After School Program for students from other schools have been cancelled until further notice.

Lunch and Snacks

Students bring their own lunch and snack and eat in their classroom with their cohort. Staff and students wash their hands before lunch and snack. Each student brings their own drink bottle from home. Sharing of food is prohibited.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted over the phone at this time.

Visitors

Parent and visitors are not allowed into the school at this time.

<u>Field Trips and School Events</u>

There are no scheduled field trips or school events planned at this time.

Busing

Due to the COVID-19, Humbervale Montessori School will not be offering busing services at this time. Our busing service will be reviewed occasionally and parents will be updated if the service becomes available again.