



Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School

COVID-19 & Sickness Policies (updated 9/1/21)

**(SUBJECT TO FREQUENT CHANGE)**

The health and safety of our staff and families is our first priority at Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School. We have formed these policies based on the COVID-19 guidance provided by the County of Santa Clara, and will update them as needed.

#### **COVID Vaccine**

We will continue to track the COVID vaccine status of all employees and adults who volunteer in the classroom using the county **Certification of Vaccination Status Form**. A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (Pfizer or Moderna), or 2 weeks after receiving a single dose (Johnson & Johnson).

#### **Weekly COVID Testing**

For any adult that is not fully vaccinated, we will require a weekly proof of a negative COVID test taken up to 72 hours prior to your classroom workday. Tests results should be sent to the director via email, no later than 7am on Monday morning of each new week for 3/4s or Pre-K, or 7am on Tuesday morning for the 2/3s class. If a negative test is not submitted, parents will be required to find a substitute, and pay the \$25 substitute fee.

As an alternative on weeks where lab tests aren't received in time for a parent work day, an at home COVID Antigen Self-Test (such as BinaxNOW, FDA Emergency Use Authorization) will be accepted. **MHPCNS will not be responsible for any costs incurred by families for testing.**

#### **COVID Vaccine Reporting**

We are able to provide a percentage of vaccinated adults per class for parents that would like that information. The individual vaccination status of adults is strictly confidential, and will only be shared with the director.

## **Masking**

Adults and children (2 and over) will wear a mask when indoors. When arriving for school drop off and pick up, we ask that adults be masked. Children will enter school with varying levels of ability and tolerance for mask wearing. For many children, mask wearing has become normalized and something they are comfortable with. For some children, it is something they will be getting used to, and it is something that our MHPCNS teachers will help support them with as they become more familiar with wearing their mask. We will meet them where they are! Per our Community Care Licensing Program Analyst, "if a child refuses to wear a mask, then staff and volunteers have to respect that child. It might become a personal rights violation if children are forced to wear a mask." At this time, the county does not require masks while outdoors. For the safety of the children, we ask that adults mask outdoors when they are in direct contact (not socially distanced) with children.

## **Hand Washing**

Hand washing has always been important at MHPCNS, and we continue to have scheduled times for handwashing throughout our day. All children and adults, at minimum, will be required to handwash (or sanitize) upon entering the school, before snack time, after bathroom use, and before leaving the school gates. As usual, the beginning of our year will include hand washing lessons and practice.

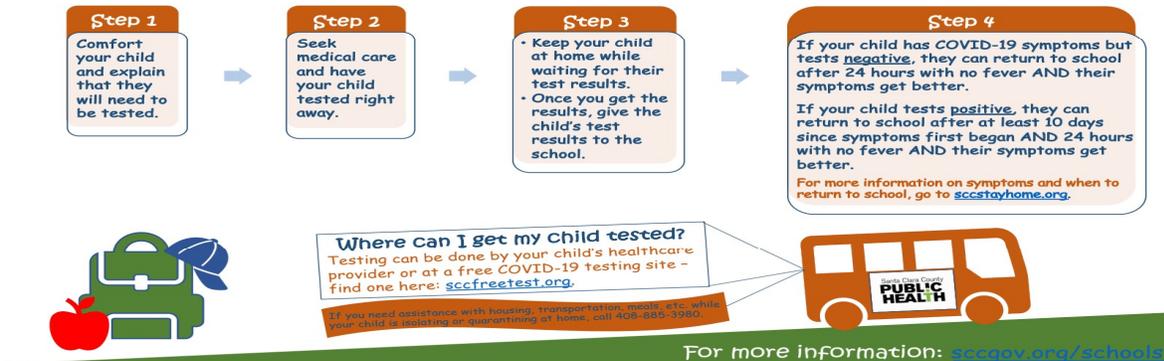
## **Disinfecting**

Daily disinfecting with an EPA approved cleaning product that is effective against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 virus) will be done to all high touched surfaces both indoors and outdoors at the end of each day.

## **Sick Policies & Exposure Protocols**

We know that minor colds are a fact of life for young children. However, this year, a child getting the sniffles can have major consequences for families at our preschool. If a mild cold spreads at MHPCNS there is a domino effect of other children needing to be tested and quarantined for a couple of days while waiting for the COVID test results. Since children are most contagious at the beginning of an illness, we are asking parents to be especially vigilant if your child may just be starting to show symptoms of any illness. We will continue to follow the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health for our policy related to sickness and in the event of a COVID exposure.

## What do I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?



### IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK BUT HAS TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19

Keep your child home until your child has been fever-free and without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Your child may return to school if your child has tested negative for COVID-19 or has been cleared to return to school by their doctor. Keep your child home if your child looks or acts sick with symptoms like a persistent runny nose, excessive coughing or sneezing, diarrhea, or general malaise. **If your child has recently gotten over a cold and tested negative for COVID-19 but has lingering symptoms, please contact the director to discuss your child returning to school.**

### IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SICK

We strongly encourage a negative COVID-19 test for your child to return to school if anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19.

### IF YOUR CHILD OR ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IS EXPOSED TO COVID-19

Keep your child home for 10 days OR get a COVID test 3 days after potential exposure. Do not return to school until your child until child has been home for 10 days, OR has tested negative for COVID-19 using a laboratory test.

### IF YOUR CHILD OR ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Notify the school immediately. The school will communicate to anyone who may have been exposed. A child/adult exposed to COVID-19 at home is required to stay home for 10 days, or get a COVID test 3 days after exposure. The child/adult will be able to return back to school if a negative COVID test is provided, or after the child/adult has been at home for 10 days. If child or adult tests positive for COVID, they should not return to school at least 10 days after first symptom began AND at least 24 hours fever free AND their symptoms are better. A negative COVID test is highly encouraged before returning back to school.

**Travel**

We strongly encourage, but do not require quarantining or a negative COVID-19 test for your child/adult to return to school after travel that is 150 miles or more away from the county.

**Daily Health Checks**

Morning temperature checks will be given to adults and children before entering school gates. Teachers will also check in with each child to assess their daily health. If a student is found to have symptoms at the beginning of class, they will be sent home. If symptoms develop during class, the child will be separated from their classmates, and a parent will be called to pick up their child.

**Outdoor School**

We will begin our year holding class outdoors as much as possible. We will revisit this decision in late October to determine if we will remain outdoors or open our building to children based on the local COVID situation at that time.

Operating outdoors means that all activities will be outside and that we will be holding circle and snack time outdoors as well. Children will go inside to use the bathroom as needed.

**HEPA Air Filtration System**

We are adding a HEPA Air Filtration system to the building that will run during all hours that school is in session to provide additional filtration for anyone going in/out of the building.

**I have read and understand the COVID-19 Policies of the Morgan Hill Parent Child Nursery School.**

Print Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed,

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Date:

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