

Bronxville Montessori School Health and Wellness Protocols

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Dear BMS Families,

As you are aware, we are no longer weathering a pandemic, however, Covid, RSV, Strep throat and the Flu bug, which are communicable diseases, are still lurking at our door. Therein, we ask if you would continue to be vigilant and monitor your child (and yourself) for signs and symptoms of these illnesses (note-symptoms of each illness can be similar so only a physician can accurately make a diagnosis). We ask you to please adhere to the following practices if your child has a fever, persistent cough, runny nose, lethargy and/or sore throat:

- A- If your child has a fever **do not** bring him/her to school and contact your physician if it is accompanied by any of the above symptoms. Your child cannot return to school until they are fever free (24 to 48 hours) without fever reducing medications.
- B- If your child tests positive for any of the above illnesses, please contact the school immediately. A doctor's note is required for returning to school.
- C- If your child tests positive for Covid, he/she must stay home for 5-days and/or until symptom free. When returning to school, your child will be required to wear a mask (if they can tolerate it) for 5-days. A doctor's note is required for return.
- D- If your child should become ill at school, the teacher will take his/her temperature, contact you immediately, separate him/her from the class, place a mask on your child, and monitor symptoms. Please ensure that the school has accurate and up-to-date contact information.
- E- It is important to know if your child suffers from seasonal allergies, so please inform the teacher, and provide documentation that can be kept on file.

To ensure a safe environment for your child, *we pledge to:*

- 1- Continue to adhere to daily cleaning and disinfecting of all classrooms and common areas of the school (which includes play areas).
- 2- Keep handwashing as our main line of defense.

3- Model to the children how to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing, and how to blow their nose and wash hands frequently (**please help us by practicing at home**).

Notes -

* Children and staff do not have to wear masks, but all teachers will honor your request if you desire for your child to remain in his/her mask, as we too honor any teacher who desires to wear a mask.

**Temperature checks will be done only as needed.

***We must ask/remind you that it is your responsibility to conduct a daily screening via the Brightwheel App prior to bringing your child to school (**not at curbside arrival or after drop-off**).

****If there is an uptick in Covid cases, based on information received from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), we *may* have to temporarily reinstate indoor masking (**you will be informed if this should occur**).

As always, thank you for helping us keep our community of families safe!

Mrs. Deborah Bobian 😊