

## New School Reopening Plan

Staff and administration will be operating according to our health and safety plan developed in accordance with the Johns Hopkins University, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA Department of Education and Department of Human Services. Our plan will be revisited and revised as additional information and guidance become available. Using this modified hierarchy of controls, Covid-19 mitigation at the New School will look like:

- **Check-in and temperature checks** – You will be met in our "Drop off" area by a previously identified New School teacher. There will be no need to get out of the car, for your child will be escorted safely into the building. As staff will have done upon arrival, all students will have their temperature checked before entering the facility by a no-contact thermometer kiosk. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be sent home immediately. Upon entry after temperature checks, students will be led to a handwashing station to wash hands.
- **Physical Distancing** — Physical barriers, where necessary between students and adults and added visual reminders for students to remember physical distancing. We have reconfigured classroom spaces to accommodate pods, limit communal use, allow for physical distancing, and accommodate frequent surface cleaning.
- **PPE** — All students (age three and up) and staff are required to wear nonmedical cloth masks. Please note, any child who suffers from asthma may not be required.
- **Outdoor activity** — In line with our established Montessori pedagogy, **we will prioritize outdoor programming** to afford the lowest risk of transmission .Recess times will be staggered among several outdoor spaces.
- **Engineering controls** —
  - Disinfecting of shared and frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, tabletops, light switches, and faucets.
  - Hand washing breaks and hand sanitizer are available at all times.
  - Classroom materials are returned to a central location for disinfecting before being returned to shelves.
  - Increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible.
  - prohibit the use of communal drinking fountains
- **Administrative controls** — ,
  - Limiting toddler and primary classrooms/pods to small groups of approximately ten students to mitigate risk.
  - Wherever possible, we will be staggering staff and administrative hours and workspaces to minimize contact.
  - Pursue virtual parent/staff events, gatherings, or meetings

***Any suspected COVID 19 cases will be immediately isolated, and all families will be notified of possible exposure. In such a case, we will seek additional guidance from local health officials to determine the course of action.***