

# RMA COVID INFORMATION

RMA is doing all we can to provide a safe and nurturing environment for your child.

## **Pick up and Drop off:**

- There are designated pick up and drop off times for children.
- Pick up and drop off will take place in the parking lot.
  - You will drive up, we will ask a few health questions, take your child's temperature, and either you
    or we will help your child out of the car.
- There will be another staff member inside RMA receiving children, but we ask that no one other than RMA staff and enrolled children enter the building without an appointment.
- Children will be brought outside to meet their parent at the end of the day.
- ELV also has a new app that allows for no touch check in and out of your child.
- If you are in before or after school, or are late coming to the school, you may enter the vestibule and ring the doorbell.

## Classroom set up:

- We are distancing the children in the classrooms and to do so, we have to use all 3 of our upstairs rooms as Primary classrooms to hold only 20 children in each room that normally holds up to 40.
- Each child has an "office" or designated workspace inside the classroom.
  - o These offices allow for children to have an independence and a distanced place to work.
  - Collaboration is still important and expected in Montessori and we are working with the children on ways to do this best.
  - You will be provided with a list of items your child may bring to outfit their "office."
- We encourage children to move, work outside in the backyards on nice days, and work with others in safe ways.
- The teachers and other RMA staff members will increase disinfecting procedures.
  - This will include disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces multiple times each day and classroom materials, the bathroom, and tables and chairs after each use.

## Masks and other PPE:

- All RMA employees and visiting adults must wear masks in the school.
- Children may bring a mask from home, or one will be supplied to them each day.
  - o It is requested that the children wear their masks, however this is not forced. We show the children how to properly wear masks and if they are doing well, encourage their use.
- Handwashing is our go to!
  - Children do use hand sanitizer at times, but handwashing at the sink with soap is what is most important.
  - We are asking every family to provide soap and dispenser so that each child has their own soap, cutting down on cross contamination as much as possible in the bathroom.
- Indoor shoes are required.
  - Indoor shoes must be either easily sprayed with disinfect or washed in a washer.
    - Some examples are: sneakers, crocks, water shoes, socks with grips on the bottom... If you would like more examples, let us know!
  - o Indoor shoes will stay at RMA. Outdoor shoes will be for the playground/outside time and going from home to school and back to home.
- For clothing, we ask children wear items that can get messy and are easily washable. We ask for a few changes of clothing that stay at RMA.

#### **Snack and Lunch:**

- You have a choice.
  - o Bring a lunch box that we can spray with disinfectant each day or
  - Bring lunch items in individual containers without a box and at drop off an RMA staff member can help you put these in a disposable brown bag that the school provides.
- Please remember to label your bag/box with the child's name, if it contains nuts, and if it needs to be refrigerated.
  - o We are able to heat up lunches as long as it's a reheat, not a full cook.
- All food must be provided by you for your child each day.
  - This includes snacks and lunch.

#### If a child or staff member is ill:

- We follow our health procedures in the Family Handbook.
- If COVID-19 is confirmed
  - o We plan on closing for at least 24 hours to clean the school.
  - We will also contact the local health department and follow their direction.

## **Hybrid and Online:**

- When RMA can't be open for longer periods of time for in-person learning when we are expected to be open, we will move to online or hybrid learning.
- We provide a robust curriculum with teachers who will accommodate multiple live sessions 4 days per week and activities to do on Fridays or over the weekend.
- If you choose either of these options, attendance will be required to support the benefits for your child.

# **Homeschool Support:**

- If you are interested in teaching your child from home and want a day for socialization at RMA or online and/or support with your curriculum, this may be an option for you!
- Contact us for more information.

## **Private Montessori Elementary:**

- Our newest program, Montessori Elementary, is enrolled with children in First through Fourth grade. We will add a grade per year as the children grow. Our goal is to go through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- If you would like more information or need support for your older child who is doing online or hybrid schooling at a different school, please contact us.

We can't wait for you to join us at the Renaissance Montessori Academy! Please let us know if you need anything to support your decision on how to enroll at RMA.

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