



## OMNI MONTESSORI SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITMENT 2020-2021 School Year

*Families must acknowledge they have reviewed and agreed to this commitment by submitting a signed copy by August 17, 2020.*

With health and safety as Omni Montessori School's first priority, our ability to offer in-person learning experiences hinges on the willingness of our community to come together in support of our *collective* health and safety. By signing the Omni Montessori School (OMS) Community Commitment, families agree to follow the health and safety protocols and guidelines developed by OMS to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and wellness of the entire OMS community. Our evolving policies and protocols will align with the latest and most reliable scientific information; local, state and federal guidance; and our lived experience on campus. If evolving guidelines require any changes to this document, we will share updates with you directly.

By signing this document, OMS families agree to adhere to the following health and safety expectations:

1. Students will not come to campus if they have a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days, who is awaiting a test result for COVID-19, or who is self-quarantined. For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to the testing that led to a positive result) until the time the patient is isolated.
2. In addition, students will not come to campus if they are ill or exhibiting any of the symptoms below:
  - Fever of 100°F or higher
  - Chills
  - New or worsening cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Recent loss of taste/smell
3. Every day, before transporting a student to school or allowing the student to travel to school with others, families will assess their child(ren) for any sign of illness. If any of the symptoms listed above is present, parents, guardians or caregivers will not transport or allow their child to be transported to Omni Montessori School, and parents will inform the Receptionist/ Office Assistant.
4. Students will be sent home from school if they are exhibiting any of the above symptoms and families will arrange for them to be picked up from an isolation area as soon as possible -- within one hour.
5. All students who exhibit any of the symptoms listed above or who are sent from school because of exhibiting any of those symptoms must follow the testing, contact tracing and quarantine protocols established by Mecklenburg County Department of Public Health and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

6. Any students who test positive for COVID-19 must not come to campus unless and until: (1) they have been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, etc.) and free from vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and upset stomach for 48 hours; AND (2) it has been 10 days since first symptoms and/or positive COVID-19 test; AND (3) they have experienced symptom improvement, including coughing and shortness of breath.
7. Families must inform the Receptionist/Office Assistant if any family member tests positive for COVID-19 (in addition to not transporting or allowing their child to be transported to Omni Montessori School), so that OMS may follow guidance from local health authorities, implement sanitization protocols and communicate proactively while protecting privacy.
8. Students will adhere to the 2020-2021 Mask Policy as detailed in the OMS COVID-19 Supplement to the 2020-2021 Family Handbook.
9. Families will limit their on-campus presence and agree to abide by all campus and facility access restrictions.

OMS families also agree to follow social and hygiene practices recommended by federal, state and local public health organizations in order to minimize the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19. *Recognizing our mutual vulnerability, we must act together to follow appropriate protocols and health practices both during the school day and beyond.*

By signing this agreement, OMS families acknowledge:

- The highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and that they voluntarily assume the risk that their child(ren) and family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death.
- They have read and understand the safety protocols and expectations as outlined in the OMS COVID-19 Supplement to the 2020-2021 Family Handbook.
- They understand while precautions serve to mitigate risk, they do not guarantee protection against the transmission of COVID-19.
- They understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Omni Montessori School may result from their own or others' acts of omissions.
- Given that knowledge and guidance regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve, they agree to abide by any adjusted health/safety policies or protocols that OMS may put in place as COVID-19 research evolves.

WE HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITIES, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND SIGN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

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Parent One Signature

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Parent Two Signature

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Parent One Printed Name

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Parent Two Printed Name