



Health & Safety Policy & Procedure

In order to keep families, staff, and our community safe, and comply with current ECSB recommendations. This document is intended to follow current Montana childcare guidance as periodically updated by ECSB and/or public health officials. It also draws from the best practices published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Hearts and Hands Montessori will strive to continue to stay apprised of best practices and update its policies and procedures in accordance with current recommendations.

** Hearts and Hands Montessori will review this document annually and update with new information, as needed.*

Your child **will be excluded** for attendance at our program for the following signs/symptoms

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever >100.4
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/Lethargy
- Infected skin areas
- Inability to participate due to ailment/illness
- Irritability; cries more than usual and cannot be consoled
- Diarrhea (2 episodes)
- Vomiting (1 episode)
- Eye/s appear red/pink or obvious signs of pink eye
- Severe itching of body/scalp
- Unusual spots/rashes
- Extreme diaper rash, with or without bleeding
- Head lice or nits
- Suspect COVID-19

If your child is not feeling themselves upon awakening, please keep them home for further observation. This could be the first sign of illness and could potentially spread to other students and/or teachers in their classrooms. In the event that an illness is spread to teachers, your child's classroom could be closed due to insufficient staffing available. Please help us keep our classroom and teachers healthy!

Please do not medicate your child for any of the above prior to attending school.

Your child will be sent home immediately for any of the above signs/symptoms.

Healthy Environment

- Staff will disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, faucets and materials that children play with at least once daily.
- Staff will remove any material that has been placed in a child's mouth or otherwise been in contact with bodily fluids. These materials will not be returned until they have been disinfected.
- We will perform an enhanced deep cleaning every night in all areas, on all touched surfaces in accordance with local and federal recommendations for child care programs including [CDC Clean and Disinfect](#) procedures.
- Staff will have access to anti-bacterial hand sanitizers and disposable gloves and use them as needed.
- Staff will wash/scrub their hands, and children's, frequently throughout the day.

Meal Preparation & Service

- All surfaces will be disinfected before meal preparation and feedings using CDC- or EPA-approved products.
- All staff will wash hands before and after meal preparation and feeding.



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Parent Signature Form

Student's First and Last Name

By signing below, I have read, understand, and agree to the Hearts and Hands Montessori Health and Safety Policy and Procedure. I understand and accept my obligations to report illness or suspected illness as well as my other obligations under this document.

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date