



## **Bloom Montessori School Reopening Safety Measures and Protocol**

Bloom Montessori is committed to providing a safe and peaceful learning environment during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this document is to establish and communicate the adjustments to our normal daily routines and implementation of additional health and safety requirements. Please recognize that despite the changes and added health measures that we are putting in place, there is still an inherent risk of sickness. We will do our best to mitigate sickness as best as possible. Please see below for the changes and added health and safety measures.

The information in this document was gathered from the U.S. CDC, Montana DPHHS, and the Lewis and Clark County Health Department.

- For five prior to returning to Bloom, all parents must check, record, and submit their child's temperature on the spreadsheet that will be separately e-mailed to families. This will also be required of staff.
- Class groupings will remain the same from day to day.
- Playground equipment will be disinfected daily.
- Nap mats and resting blankets will be placed at least 6 feet apart. Sleeping bag/pillow combinations will not be allowed. We ask that you send your child with a light blanket only. Sleep mats will be disinfected daily. Naps will be optional in Primary classrooms (ages 3-6).
- All staff members will wear cloth masks that will be laundered regularly.
- High use areas/objects will be disinfected regularly in the morning, throughout the day and then again at the end of the school day.
- We request the same adult to pick-up and drop-off the child, when possible. We also ask that, when possible, older adults who fall into the high-risk category not drop-off or pick up.
- Bloom Staff will check your child in and out.
- Daily student health checks will be done outside, at the following locations:
  - Sara's class – enter through the infant playground/fenced area and meet a teacher at the back door of the classroom.
  - Lindsey's class – enter through the gate and meet a teacher at the door of the coatroom.
  - Valerie's class – meet at the side door of the upper lot.
  - Marisol's, Selena's, and Raquel's classes will meet at the main, front doors.
- . The protocol for this is as follows:

- Child(ren) and one parent approach the door (please only one family at the door at one time). Family groups should maintain a distance of six feet between one another.
- The Bloom employee will make a visual inspection of the child and ask the parent if their child has exhibited any of the following signs of sickness: unusually flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, difficulty breathing, fatigue, fussiness, or coughing. If any of these symptoms are present in your child he/she will not be admitted to Bloom. The Bloom staff reserves the right to make the final determination regarding the admission of the child to the program for the day.
- A Bloom staff member will take the child's temperature. The staff member will wear gloves and will sanitize the gloves and thermometer between uses. We have ordered a thermal, non-contact thermometer but we do not know when it will arrive. Any child exhibiting a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be admitted to Bloom. If your child has a 1 degree variance of temperature from their base-line temperature (the temperatures that were collected the week before reopening) they will not be admitted to Bloom.
- If your child has no fever or any other signs of sickness they will be admitted to Bloom.
- Daily temperature checks are also required of all staff.
- All children and staff will wash their hands upon arrival into their classroom.
- Parents are asked not to enter the building, if at all possible. If you do need to enter the building, we are requiring that you report to the office for a temperature check. You will also be required to wash your hands before proceeding. If you need to pick up your child(ren) outside of the normal pick up time please call the office at 996-1211 and an administrative staff member will get your child(ren) ready and walk them to your vehicle.
- Your child's teacher will be providing you with her cell phone number. When you are ready to pick up your child for the day, we ask that you text your child's teacher when you are at the same location that you dropped your child off in the morning. A staff member will then escort your child to meet you at the door of the building. Pick-up time is between 2:45 and 3:15. All children must be picked up by 3:15.

Parent Signature 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_