



## Montessori Community School Health and Safety Protocol Updates

As of Tuesday, Sep. 6, 2022 -

- **MASKING:**
  - Indoor and outdoor masking are no longer required and will be optional for students and employees.
  - Indoor masking is [encouraged](#) by the CDC and DOH as a mitigation tool to prevent the spread of Covid-19 when community levels are medium or high.
  - Parents who prefer that their child wear masks indoors and/or outdoors should inform the Office.
  - A student or staff member that has had close contact with a known case of Covid-19 should wear a mask for the following 10 days.
  - Decisions about mask wearing for large indoor gatherings will be made on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the event and the status of Covid-19 in the community.
- **ISOLATION:** In the event that a student or staff person has tested positive for Covid-19 -
  - The individual must stay at home and isolate for at least five full days after symptoms first appear or if no symptoms, after a positive test result.
  - Students or staff may return to campus on Day 6 if -
    - at least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication
    - AND, symptoms are abating and the individual is feeling well enough to be in school.
    - Students must wear a well-fitted mask around others indoors from Day 6 to Day 10 of illness after completing home isolation.
- **QUARANTINE:** In the event of close contact exposure to Covid-19 in the classroom, students and staff -
  - do not need to quarantine and all may remain in school, regardless of vaccination status
  - must wear a mask when indoors for 10 days following exposure
  - should watch for symptoms of Covid-19. If symptoms develop, isolate and inform the school immediately.
  - must do an antigen or PCR test on Day 5 after exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and inform the Office of the result.
- **VACCINATION:** The Hawaii Department of Health recommends the Covid-19 vaccination for children ages 6 months old and older. Click [here](#) to learn more about vaccination.

Please contact [info@montessorihawaii.org](mailto:info@montessorihawaii.org) with any Health and Safety Protocol questions.