

## **Montessori of East Rutherford**

### **Covid-19 Policies and Guidelines**

**These are some of the guidelines and policies we are following and implementing, based on State of New Jersey and CDC regulations.**

#### **Small Groups and Social distancing**

- Small group size with small staff to child ratios.
- Social distancing to the extent that it is possible with young children.
- Only staff and children are allowed in the classrooms.

#### **Drop-off and pick-up**

- Parents maintain 6 feet distance from others.
- One parent/child at a time is allowed in the office/drop off area.
- Face masks must be worn.

#### **Health Checks**

- Health checks will be conducted each morning for children and staff.
- Temperature checked (should be below 100.4) and series of questions to be answered.
- Children or staff who are sick must stay home.

#### **Face Masks**

- Children over 2 years old are encouraged to keep their masks on when feasible and as they are able. They will not be forced to keep it on. No masks will be worn at Nap time and at meals.
- Staff and adults entering the building must wear a mask.

#### **Proper hygiene and washing hands will be enforced throughout the day.**

- Children and staff begin their day by washing their hands before entering the classroom. They will wash hands several times during the day, between activities, after toileting, before and after meals, before and after playground time and many other times as needed.

#### **Classroom Environment**

- All common and classroom areas are Sanitized and Disinfected frequently during the day, following CDC and State guidelines. The cleaning company does additional disinfecting.
- Each child is provided an individual box with all the stationary/craft items they will need to use while in school (crayons, pencils, glue, scissors, etc.) and an individual bin for belongings. There are also more individual materials and activities provided for each child.

Our goal is to provide the safest environment possible to our children and staff, and are following many strict protocols to achieve this. Please contact the Director for more details.