



LMS is closely monitoring the evolving coronavirus pandemic situation, which is a serious health concern worldwide. As we gradually reopen, we are implementing strict measures for infection control within our school. We have updated our Illness Policy and taken additional measures in an effort to keep our children and staff healthy. Please visit our parent portal for up-to-date information relating to COVID-19. For the latest information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. CDC fact sheets:

- English - [click here](#)
- Spanish - [click here](#)
- Chinese - [click here](#)

COVID-19 POLICIES AT LMS

As outlined in our updated Illness Policy, we have created specific guidelines to protect the health and well-being of our children, their families, and staff. In an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus in our community and keep us all safe, please adhere to our policies and guidelines. Depending on the illness, we may require you to obtain medical clearance before your child can return to LMS.

ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL.

- Should you—or a household member—have any of the following symptoms, we ask that you keep your child at home and notify us
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher, now or in the preceding 48 hours
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches
- Difficulty breathing
- Exclusion from LMS is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. Per our policy, for your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within one-hour of notification. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and away from the rest of the children.

Enhanced Protocol

As new information is being released, we are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with CDC guidance. Some new measures which we have implemented are:

- Daily health check for staff and children required *before* entering the building

- Nonessential visitors are not allowed at this time
- Curbside arrival and departure protocol
- Cloth face coverings/masks worn by staff as well as primary children
- Hygiene/hand washing emphasized throughout the day in all classrooms
- Hand sanitizers provided to primary classrooms in addition to vigorous hand washing
- Caterpillar and Hummingbird room teachers wear face shields in addition to face masks
- All meals and snacks are served by teachers wearing gloves (a suspension of communal, self-serving meal times approved by Kansas Department of Health and Environment at this time)
- Reduced class sizes consistent groupings with consistent staffing as possible
- Social distancing being practiced as much as possible, including at meal and nap times
- Continuous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms throughout the day
- Extended outdoor time with continual disinfecting of high touch surfaces and items
- Cloth face covering: all staff members at LMS wear a face mask or face covering as advised by the CDC to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Note: This guidance does not apply to children 2 or under, or to those who are advised not to wear a face covering for health reasons. Primary children will remove face coverings at nap time. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing, hand washing, or other preventive actions which are now a routine part of LMS.

Routine Hygiene Practice at LMS

At LMS, our staff is vigilant about ensuring that the best hygiene practices are conducted to thwart the spread of illness. In addition to regular cleaning of classrooms and disinfection of materials, our teachers regularly teach good hand hygiene practices to protect against the spread of germs.

Please encourage your child to work on the practices listed below at home just as s/he does at school.

- Wash hands often with soap and water. [Here is a video](#) with best practices as advised by the World Health Organization.
- Sneeze or cough into the elbow; or cover mouth and nose with a tissue before sneezing or coughing, then immediately discard the tissue and wash hands with soap and water. <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/wash-your-hands-steps-8x11.pdf>
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash hands immediately when arriving home from outdoors
- Prioritizing handwashing as the preferred way of keeping hands clean
- Use hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoiding kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with family members who may be ill or feeling unwell

Thank you for keeping our community safe!