



Update – 6/16/20

To all Alexander Montessori School and Alexander Camp Families:

We are now ready to share our safety procedures for re-opening our Campuses to children.

Alexander Montessori School and Alexander Camp consider the safety of our students, families, and Staff to be our highest priority.

We are committed to safety when we reopen. Our procedures and protocols are based upon guidelines from the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County authorities, along with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). These are updated as often as weekly. We will keep you informed accordingly.

Please review the following information before enrolling your child in the program. We appreciate everyone's awareness of the need for cooperation, even if a circumstance would be personally inconvenient.

Eligibility to Attend the Program

From Page 105 of Miami-Dade County's "Moving to a New Normal"

III. Protection of Children

- As part of the initial enrollment or re-enrollment process, program staff should speak about the risk of COVID-19 to the parents of children with underlying health conditions. Parents should be encouraged to speak to their child's health care provider to assess their risk and to determine if they should stay home.*
- Parents with children with underlying medical conditions, **must provide clearance from the primary care physician indicating the child is able to participate in center-based or in person programs to enroll/reenroll the child in the program.** Programs must follow children's care plan for underlying health conditions.*
- [The Staff will conduct a] daily wellness check on children at drop off – temperature of children and CDC screening questions for adults regarding children's health.*

o Children with temperature >100.4 or whose guardian says yes to screening questions will be prohibited from entering the building or program, unless cleared by a doctor.

o Children who exhibit symptoms of an upper respiratory illness will not be permitted to attend the program that day.

• Children and youth >2 years will be expected to wear face coverings unless engaged in strenuous activities. Accommodations will be made for preschool children and for children with disabilities or special needs.

Therefore, if a child has any condition which could be accompanied by symptoms similar to an “upper respiratory illness,” but that is not contagious (e.g., allergies, etc.), it will be important to have a doctor’s note stating so in advance.

Our Health and Hygiene Practices

(We will require all Staff and Campers to follow these practices.)

- Hand washing will occur at the following times:
 - Upon arrival at the Campus and before departure from Campus.
 - After contact with bodily fluids (including blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing).
 - After using the restroom.
 - Before AND after eating.
 - Before moving to another environment (inside or outside).
 - After sitting on the floor for a work or line time activity.
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethyl or 70% isopropyl content may be used when hand washing is not available (Staff will supervise students when they use hand sanitizer).
- Signs will be posted with information on how to:
 - Stop the spread of COVID-19.
 - Promote protective measures (such as covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth, and not touching face coverings).
 - Properly wash hands and practice social distancing.
- Face coverings will be worn by Staff and children as feasible, and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Information will be provided to Staff and students on [proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings](#).
- Proper ventilation of the environment will be ensured.
- Children will bring their own refillable water bottle with their name on it.
- Depending on the age level, each child will be given their own plastic container of supplies to reduce sharing.
- Each child in the Toddler and Preschool Programs will bring an extra pair of shoes to leave and wear on Campus.

Monitoring Health

- Staff Members will complete a self-monitoring checklist prior to work each day.
- Children and Staff will have their temperature checked before entering our buildings. Their temperature must be 100.4°F or below for them to remain on Campus.
- Staff or children who are sick or experiencing any of the symptoms listed on our daily COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire must remain at home. Such children and Staff Members will not be permitted to return to Campus until one of the following conditions is met:
 - If COVID-19 was suspected, all CDC conditions for discontinuing home isolation have been met.
 - If COVID-19 was not suspected, a doctor's note stating that the employee or child is not contagious will be required.

Symptoms of an "upper respiratory illness" could easily be COVID-19. We cannot visually look at someone with the spectrum of symptoms and know they don't have COVID-19.

Again, if a child has any condition which could be accompanied by symptoms similar to an "upper respiratory illness," but that is not contagious (e.g., allergies, etc.), it will be important to have a doctor's note stating so in advance.

If your child has such a condition, please bring or e-mail a doctor's note stating your child has such a condition no later than on the first day of attendance.

Our daily COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire is taken from the following sources:

- a. CDC website - "Symptoms of Coronavirus" (as of 6-16-2020)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>


People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported - ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea




This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.


b. Page 135 of Miami-Dade County's "Moving to a New Normal" (see attachment)




Screening for
COVID-19


FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 • Florida Department of Health

1 Are you experiencing symptoms?
Symptoms may appear in 2–14 days after exposure to the virus.
 **FEVER**  **COUGH**  **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

2 Have you returned from international travel or a cruise within the last 14 days and have any of the symptoms above?


3 Have you been around someone diagnosed with COVID-19?


If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, call your health care provider or your county health department (CHD) by scanning the code for the local CHD finder. Or call 1-866-779-6121.



Guidance

- Self monitor for fever, cough, or other respiratory symptoms for 14 days.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Delay any additional travel plans until no longer sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash.

For information and instructions, visit www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19 or call 1-866-779-6121. Florida Health Office of Communications 03/11/20 Page 135

If a child starts to present these symptoms, the family will be contacted immediately to collect the child. The child will wait either in a designated area

outside or in an isolation room inside with a Staff Member until collected. Parents are required to pick their child up as soon as possible.

Social Distancing and Practices to Minimize Transmission of Viruses

- Maximum student enrollment is set by the local government to ensure social distancing. No group size will be larger than 10 including Staff (Page 103 of Miami-Dade County's "Moving to a New Normal").
- Social distancing (a minimum of six feet between individuals) will be enforced.
 - Seating will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
- As much as possible, classes will include the same group of children and Instructors each day, and groups will be kept static.
- Sharing among children will be limited.
 - Children's belongings will be kept separate.
 - To minimize the sharing of high-touch materials, to the extent possible, children will have their own materials (art supplies, materials, books, etc.)
 - Please send in snacks for your child in their own reusable containers.
 - No food preparation lessons or sharing of food will happen on campus.
 - Use of the child's own water bottle will be encouraged. (We will provide disposable cups as needed; Toddlers MUST have their own drinking bottle.)
- Communal spaces will be restricted.
 - There will be a staggered schedule for using the playground, and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized between groups.
- Child drop-off and pick-up will follow social distancing guidelines. Families will maintain 6 feet of distance from one another at any Campus where pick-up and drop-off does not take place in a vehicle. Otherwise, please stay in your car for drop-off and pick-up.
- Visitors (including parents) will be restricted and not allowed in Campus buildings.
- There will be no field trips.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- We will use EPA-approved disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2.
- All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times per day. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Door knobs/handles, tables, chairs, light switches
 - Bathroom areas including sinks, sink handles, faucets, toilet handles
 - Shared objects and playground equipment between each use.

Suspected or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

If a case of COVID-19 is suspected, we will immediately notify parents and other relevant contacts. In addition, we will temporarily close either a portion of the facility or the entire facility (per CDC guidelines) and follow Health Department and CDC disinfecting procedures:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

- We will close off areas that the individual entered or neared.
- We will open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. If possible, we will wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfecting.
- We will clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, and common areas) used by the individual, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces.
- We will observe/evaluate Staff and children who may have come into contact with the individual in question for early signs or symptoms.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the school, our local Health Department will provide guidance and next steps. The facility or a portion of the facility might need to be closed temporarily and reopen at the Health Department's direction.

A Staff Member who tested positive may only report back to work when they are cleared by a medical professional as being COVID-19 free.

Here is our updated schedule:

June 22-26 (WEEK #2)

Elementary Academic Labs (Reading Lab, Math Lab, Spanish Lab, & Art Lab): *Will take place virtually*

Summer Independent Guided Studies (SIGS) for Math and Language Arts: *Will take place virtually*

Elementary Programs: *In lieu of All-Around Camp and Sports Track, we are conducting a small pilot program with **groups of no more than 10** at our Ludlam Road Elementary Campus (14850 SW 67th Avenue). This program is open for registration with limited spaces, so you should register NOW at <https://www.alexandermontessori.com/about-us/summer-camp>.*

Preschool Programs: *In lieu of AM Camp and Full-Day Camp, we are conducting a small pilot Half-Day and Full-Day Montessori Program with **groups of no more than 10** at our Old Cutler Road and Red Road Campuses (14400 Old Cutler Road and 6050 SW 57th Avenue), as long as there is sufficient demand. This program is specifically available for children who were enrolled in Alexander Montessori School in the 2019-2020 School Year or who are enrolled in the 2020-2021. This program is open for registration with limited spaces, so you should register NOW at <https://www.alexandermontessori.com/about-us/summer-camp>.*

Toddler Program: *This program has been canceled for Week #2 due to insufficient demand. If you are interested in future weeks, please call (305) 969-1814 and speak to our Palmetto Bay Campus Director, Michelle Romero (or by e-mail at pbcc@alexandermontessori.com). We must have a minimum of 5 children in order for the program to operate. This program is specifically for children who either were enrolled in our Montessori Toddler Program in the 2019-2020 School Year or who are enrolled with us in the 2020-2021 School Year.*

JV Tennis, led by USTA Pro Jodi Veillette, will be conducting a pilot of small-group private tennis lessons. For further details, please contact Jodi Veillette at info@jvtennis.net.

PLEASE NOTE: During this week, there will be no shuttle service between Campuses, so pick-up and drop-off will need to take place directly at the Campus where the pilot program is being offered. Also, there will not be Early Arrival nor Extended Day, so Camp hours will be 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

JUNE 29-JULY 3 (WEEK #3)

ALL Elementary and Preschool Program information: Same as Week #2

Toddler Program: *If there is sufficient demand, we will conduct a small pilot Half-Day and Full-Day Toddler Program with **groups of no more than 10**. If you are interested in Week #3 or future weeks, please call (305) 969-1814 and speak to our Palmetto Bay Campus Director, Michelle Romero (or by e-mail at pbcc@alexandermontessori.com). We must have a minimum of 5 children in order for the program to operate. This program is specifically for children who either were enrolled in our Montessori Toddler Program in the 2019-2020 School Year or who are enrolled with us in the 2020-2021 School Year.*

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JULY 6-AUGUST 21 (WEEK #'S 4 THROUGH POST-CAMP FUN WEEK)

We intend to expand our offerings as we refine our safety routine with the children and families. We will be in communication with you as more clarity around this expansion ensues.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Blau, our Summer Camp Registrar, at (305) 665-6274 or school@alexandermontessori.com.

We can't wait to see you,
The Administration of Alexander Montessori School and Alexander Camp