



## COVID-19 Response Letter

Dear GRM Families,

Given the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis that is spreading through our country, we want to assure you that we are closely monitoring the situation. Based on the information we have at this time, we will be opening for school in the fall. If the status should change, we will notify you immediately.

Effective September 1, 2020, and for the foreseeable future, we will be taking extra precautions to ward off Coronavirus. We are taking these additional steps, with the help of the CDC guidelines and health department, to best support the health and safety of your children, your family, and our teachers.

### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

A teacher will greet you and your child at the door; parents will not be allowed inside the building. Upon entering the child will get his/her temperature taken. If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, he or she will not be able to enter the facility.

Children will be required to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building, and throughout the day. A teacher will help make sure hand-washing is done effectively.

At pick up a teacher will bring your child out to you; please knock on the door if a teacher does not notice you have arrived to pick up your child.

Following the drop-off and pick-up procedures will limit the number of bodies going in and out of GRM, limit direct contact, and help us to maintain social distancing.

### **Work/Activity Period and Recess:**

GRM and our Montessori philosophy practices naturally have our facility set up for social distancing purposes. Children work on work rugs or at tables positioned spaciouly throughout the room to ensure a peaceful, evenly-spaced environment to allow children to work without peer interruption.

### **Ensuring Safety:**

- Each child will have a personal material caddy, eliminating the amount of exposure to frequently shared materials: pencils, crayons, glue, etc.
- GRM will not be accepting volunteers in the building.
- Field trips have been postponed for the foreseeable future. Field trips may be limited due to closures and safety of all involved.

**Lunch and Snack Time:**

Snacks and lunches are prepared at home. Children will handle their lunch unless they need help, then a teacher will assist. There will be two students at each table.

Please send all needed utensils and dishware with your child. To avoid the spread of germs, GRM is not supplying these items.

**Student Health Criteria for Exclusion from Summer-Care:**

Please **keep your child home for 14 days** and inform GRM immediately if any of the following apply to you or your child:

- You live with someone, or you had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- You or someone in your household has a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath.
- You or someone in your household has any other signs of communicable illness such as a cold or flu.

**Tuition:**

- As long as we are open and your child is enrolled, tuition will be due in full.
- If the state forces a closure for an extended period, a tuition plan will be communicated with families, freezing tuition payments due or by discounting tuition to the days children were in attendance.

Please refer to our Family Handbook for full details on our policies and procedures we follow at all times.

If current situations change or adjustments are needed for our procedures, we will send an email notification to all families.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we implement these new procedures. Our goal is to minimize disruption while keeping you, your family, and our teachers healthy and well.

Sincerely,  
Great River Montessori and Board of Directors

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