



## Covid-19 FAQs

This document addresses some of the most common questions parents and teachers may have regarding Covid-19. Here are the questions:

- **When will school reopen?**

Mariposa will be open by August 3<sup>rd</sup> for all children.

- **Will you open before August?**

We have only one classroom in each building to help our families who are first responders. The entire school will reopen on August 3, 2020.

- **What will happen to my tuition if you are forced to close again?**

If all childcare programs are forced to close again due to Covid-19, Mariposa will not charge tuition until we reopen. Partial months will not be refunded. Tuition will not be affected if your classroom requires shut down due to potential exposure. Tuition will not change if your child is absent to a required Covid-19 diagnosis or quarantine.

- **What would be your schedule?**

Infants-toddlers building will operate from 7 am – 6 pm.

Preschool building will operate from 8 am – 6 pm.

Drop off hours are until 9 am. We do not take children after 9 am. Pick up hours are from 4 pm – 6 pm.

- **Will tuition change after reopening?**

Your tuition will stay the same until we review our fiscal year. A decision will be taken at that time.

- **Will children have to wear mask all day?**

Children under 2 years old are not required to wear masks. Children over 2 years old are encouraged to wear mask, but not required. We recommend you bring your child with mask for activities with other children and unable to social distance 6 ft.

- **How will drop off look like?**

- a) **Infants-Toddlers:** Parents are welcome into the building and maintain social distance. This building is now a one-way building. Meaning that parents enter one door and leave the building by another door. We ask parents to please follow the signs in the hallways and to stay outside of the classrooms.
- b) **Toddlers-Preschoolers:** Only two parents will be allowed in the building at a time. Parents will be screened at the door before entering the building. Parents will be allowed in the building as other parent leaves.

- **Please describe your approach to prevent contact between groups, including during beginning/end of day, transitions, and outdoor time?**

Every child goes straight to his/her classroom. Our new schedule for our preschool building will be from 8 am – 6 pm. Parents will bring their children to the classrooms. Parents will not enter the classrooms. Teachers will receive children in their classroom and will stay with them for the rest of the day. Teachers will create activities encouraging social distance. Children will rotate from one area to another. Children will sleep on coats with 6ft apart from each other. At the end of the day, one classroom will go to the gym while the other will go outside to our playground.

- **Please describe how you will minimize prolonged close contact between individuals within a group, to the degree possible, through adjustments to activities, classroom configurations, or other ways of supporting classroom teachers to adjust their daily plans?**

Every classroom has been divided in 10 areas. One area per child. We will have two teachers per classroom and each teacher will work with 5 children. While one teacher is doing circle time, for example, with 5 children, the second teacher will be working on a separate project or activity for the other 5 children. Each child will be working in one area and within that area we will have separate toys in bags for each child to play. This will allow them to play with their own toys every time they rotate.

- **What system or strategies will you use to communicate to families about the preventive practices being put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19 virus, including drop-off and pick-up procedures and staggered start-times?**

We communicate with our families using our app for weekly/daily reports, our monthly newsletter, emails, and text. We will continue using the same methods to inform them about any Covid-19 concerns. Posters have been placed in the hallways to promote social distance. Also, at the entrance of our buildings there are signs asking parents to keep their distance and, on the floors, as well. For drop off, we will allow only two parents in our preschool building at a time. The other parents will have to wait outside until one of the families leave. The same is for pick up. Parents will be screened at the door and will not be allowed in the classrooms.

In our infants-toddlers building parents will be allowed in the building if they keep their social distance. Parents are not to enter the classrooms.

- **Are there any COVID-19 specific measures being put in place for the administration of medication due to COVID-19?**

We will not administer albuterol. Any other medication will be administer following our current policies in our health policies. Over the counter medication will need a parent consent. Prescribed medication will require that medication comes in its original unopened container, a letter from the doctor with instructions and a parent consent.

- **If a student/teacher test positive, will the school be on lock down?**

The classroom impacted will be closed for 24 hours for cleaning and disinfecting. We will contact our local board of health as require by EEC. They will decide for how long a classroom will be closed. All this information will be share with parents. As a reminder tuition will not be affected by this.

- **Do sick children always have to quarantine for 14 days?**

We will decide this in coordination with our local board of heath, health consultant, and EEC licenser.