



WALDEN GREEN MONTESSORI

RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

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Under the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ARP: ESSER III) local districts are required to develop and maintain a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. This plan outlines and details the district’s plan for a safe return to, or maintenance of, in-person instruction and must include information regarding the district’s implementation of the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) most current guidance at the time of development.

Walden Green Montessori deeply values in-person instruction and has implemented the practices detailed below in order to maintain the in-person learning environment.

Walden Green Montessori may make adjustments to this plan in response to information learned regarding current and future variants of COVID-19 or other communicable disease and transmission rates, or if the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, or death increases. If such adjustments are needed, the plan will be shared again for public input. The plan will also be reviewed during the life of the ARP ESSER III grant and updates will be completed if needed. The plan will be shared for public input as well.

Walden Green Montessori will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates/orders.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES (K-8)	
Continuity of Instructional Services	K-8 students attend school five full days in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This mode of instruction will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS	
COVID-19 Testing	Testing will not be required but test kits may be offered to families if provided by the State.
Cohorting	Mixing of student groups will be permitted. The District may consider temporarily restricting mixing of student groups where feasible as deemed necessary based on the local conditions.
Face Coverings (Masks)	Staff, students, volunteers, and visitors may wish to wear a face covering regardless of the current level of community transmission and are supported in doing so. Walden Green will abide by all laws, lawfully executed orders, regulations, etc. pertaining to facial coverings.
Facilities: Cleaning, Disinfection, Ventilation	Walden Green will follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and/or disinfection procedures within a classroom, school, or across the district will be implemented as needed based on local conditions. Walden Green will utilize air filters/purifiers to improve ventilation in school buildings.
Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette	Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are encouraged and expected. Supplies, including hand sanitizer, will be maintained in order to facilitate proper hand hygiene.
Health Screening & Student Illness	Parents/guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily wellness check to ensure students are well enough to attend school. Students should not be sent to school when they are ill. A child who has had a fever or is vomiting cannot return to school until they are healthy for 24 hours. Parents/guardians should follow medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.

Isolation & Quarantine	Walden Green will follow current mandates/orders from federal, state, or local health agencies. In the absence of health department orders, WGM encourages parents/guardians to follow current medical professional and/or health department guidance regarding exclusion periods for communicable diseases.
Vaccinations	Walden Green does not require staff or students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. OCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools and extracurricular activities safely operational and in person.