

ESSER III Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Per the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Institute is required to submit a plan that addresses needs due to COVID-19 and the continuation of safe in-person instruction at schools and must provide input regarding how schools are supporting a return to in-person learning and/or the health and safety of students in order to receive ESSER III funding.

Public feedback must be collected on this plan at minimum every 6 months.

If feedback initiates changes needed to the plan, the plan must be updated accordingly and resubmitted.

School - The Montessori School of Camden

District: The Charter Institute at Erskine

School Leader - Deb Cyrier

Date of Most Recent Public Input Data Collection: October 21 - November 13, 2022

Plan Revision Date - November 30, 2022

<p>1. Description of maintaining health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff; generally if/how policies and practices are based on CDC safety recommendations:</p>	<p>The Montessori School of Camden updates our health and safety measures following CDC guidelines or as the governor countermands CDC recommendations. We maintain an active partnership with SC DHEC. Current practices in place include, but are not limited too: daily temperature screening at arrival, sick children stay home/are sent home based on the SC School and Childcare exclusion list guidelines, hand hygiene is taught and regularly practice and we have increased sanitation efforts across campus. The MSC School Nurse consults regularly with the Head of School as the guidelines are ever changing as we have moved from Pandemic to Endemic state.</p>
<p>2. Universal and correct wearing of masks:</p>	<p>Masks, as a general rule, are not required at MSC unless a staff, student, or family member is present in the Nurse's office which is considered a health facility. If a student or staff member is required to quarantine or isolate a shortened period may be used if masking continues through day 10. Children brought to the nurse's office who are symptomatic and have fever will be provided a mask as a precaution.</p>
<p>3. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding):</p>	<p>No facility modifications are required. As needed, classes cohort in shared spaces (playground, etc.)</p>
<p>4. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:</p>	<p>Hand Hygiene is taught intentionally both as a lesson the children can actively practice and master (common in Montessori Infant - Primary classrooms) but also as a disease prevention strategy. Children and staff frequent practice hand hygiene throughout the day. Hand sanitizing stations remain outside every classroom and children sanitize their hands during transitions (arrival, in from recess, etc.)</p>
<p>5. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:</p>	<p>MSC is cleaned daily by an outside vendor. The HVAC for classrooms and administrative offices were upgraded in July 2020 with UV and ionization filters. For SY2021-2022 we increased the frequency the general filters were changed with our contracted HVAC company. In fall of 2022 an RFP for janitorial services was</p>

ESSER III Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

	issued and will close on November 30, 2022. Expected start date for potential new vendor is January 1, 2022.
6. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine:	The initiation of contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine is overseen by the MSC School Nurse with support from the Head of School. The MSC Board of Directors has adopted following the SC DHEC guidelines as it relates to contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. Any laws that contradict the guidance from DHEC supersede DHEC's guidance.
7. Diagnostic and screening testing:	<p>MSC offers parents the opportunity to have their child participate in regular screening for COVID 19 through our asymptomatic screening program. Parents can voluntarily opt their child into the weekly testing regimen. Staff members can also voluntarily participate. All screening is conducted by the MSC School Nurse. MSC has been identified as an official screening location.</p> <p>Additionally in November of 2022, MSC became a site for vendor based Covid and Flu testing. Vendor is onsite 2x/week and the entire MSC community has access to their free service.</p>
8. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:	MSC encourages all staff and eligible students to get vaccinated. The school nurse has made information about vaccination access available to all interested parties.
9. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices:	<p>None required, should an accommodation be necessary the school will adapt following the advice of the MSC School Nurse or other medical professional (e.g. child's family physician).</p> <p>The Nurse's Health Room was relocated in SY 2022-2023 to a more accessible location on campus.</p>
10. Coordination with state and local health officials:	The MSC school nurse is in regular contact with DHEC and the SCDE head of school nurses.
11. Response on continuity of services:	All students have been present on campus. MSC does not offer a virtual option for regular school day attendance outside of the need to quarantine/isolate due to Covid 19. In these instances children have participated in Montessori at a Distance (MAAD) virtual instruction. Classroom teachers have been additionally compensated when this occurs as they have had to teach in dual modalities. If parents require access to technology it can be provided by MSC. As the Montessori Method is an individualized approach to learning we take a child where they are at and continue from there to move them forward in all academic areas. School Nurse coordinates a program called "Don't Duck Mental Health" for all K-8 students. Director of Education coordinates monthly support meetings for the staff and faculty.
12. Response on ensuring periodic updates to plan:	MSC coordinates with the Charter Institute at Erskine to provide regular opportunities for parents to provide feedback regarding our plans. This information is then used to revise the plan as necessary. It is reviewed at minimum every 6 months.

ESSER III Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

<p>13. Response on public input in development of plan:</p>	<p>MSC distributes a survey to families (created by the Charter Institute at Erskine) through email and our Montessori based parent communication system, Transparent Classroom. It is also made available as a link on our website during the data collection period and shared out on our FB page. The public can provide comments monthly at MSC Board Meetings (process detailed on our website). Informal/formal communication with the Head of School is also considered in developing the plan</p>
---	---