

# Protocols for Conducting a Health Screening and Temperature Check



Health screening should be repeated periodically throughout the day to check for new symptoms developing.

## Screen those entering the facility by:

- The person conducting screenings should maintain 6 feet distance while asking questions.
- Making a visual inspection of the person for signs of infection such as flushed cheeks, fatigue, or extreme fussiness.

## Temperature protocol:

- Individuals waiting to be screened must stand six feet apart from each other. Use tape on the floor for spacing.
- For the staff person taking temperatures, cloth face covering is required to be worn.
- Use a touches thermometer if one is available, if not, use a tympanic (ear), digital axillary (under the arm), or temporal (forehead) thermometer.

## When using the facility's thermometer:

- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before touching the thermometer.
- Wear gloves and change between direct contact with individuals.
- Use disposable thermometer covers that are changed between individuals when needed.
- Clean and sanitize the thermometer using manufacturer's instructions between each use.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after removing gloves between direct contact with individuals.

# Daily COVID-19 Health Screening for Anyone Entering the Building



The person conducting screenings should maintain 6 feet distance while asking questions. Ask these questions to anyone entering the facility (including children, staff, family members, or other visitors). If no person is accompanying the child during drop-off, use your best judgment if the child can respond on their own.

**People will not be allowed at Sterling Montessori if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or are showing symptoms of fever, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new cough, or new loss of taste or smell.**

- 1. Have you or any of the children you are dropping off had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?**
  - Yes** > The individual should not be at the child care facility. The individual can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.
  - No** > The individual can be at the child care facility if he or she is not experiencing symptoms.
- 2. Do you or do any of the children you are dropping off have any of these symptoms?**
  - Fever (a fever is determined by a measured temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, or feels warm to touch, or says they have recently felt feverish)
  - Chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New cough
  - New loss of taste or smell

**If an individual has any of these symptoms, they should go home, stay away from other people, and the family member should call the child's health care provider.**

- 3. Since they were last at the child care facility, have you or have any of the children you are dropping off been diagnosed with COVID-19?**
  - Yes
  - No

**If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be in child care and should stay home until they meet the criteria below.**

# Returning to School

**A child can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:**

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
- Has there been symptom improvement, including cough and shortness of breath?

Situation(s) determined by Daily Health Screening:	Criteria to return to child care:
<p>A person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been tested.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19.</p>	<p>A person can return to the child care facility when they can answer yes to ALL three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has it been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared?</li> <li>• Has it been at least 3 days since the person had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?</li> <li>• Has it been at least 3 days since the person's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?</li> </ul> <p>Once the criteria above are met, it is not necessary to require a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to child care.</p>
<p>A person has not had symptoms of COVID-19 but has been diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a positive test.</p>	<p>A person can return to the child care facility once:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days passed since the date of their first positive test</li> </ul> <p>However, if the person develops symptoms of COVID-19 after their positive test, they must be able to answer yes to ALL three questions listed above before returning to child care.</p>
<p>A person has been excluded because of COVID-19 symptoms but then tests negative for COVID-19.</p>	<p>A person can return to the child care facility once they can answer yes to both questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has it been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines?</li> <li>• Has the person felt well for at least the past 24 hours?</li> </ul>
<p>A person has been determined to be in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.</p>	<p>A person can return to the child care facility after completing at least 14 days of quarantine at home. The purpose of quarantine is to determine if a person who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will get infected. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. However, if the person tests positive or develops COVID-19 symptoms, return to child care must follow the criteria above.</p>

A child can return to school, following normal school policies, if they receive confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider that would explain the COVID-19-like symptom(s), once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.