PROVIDENCE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

COVID-19 ATTENDANCE POLICY

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Providence Montessori School (“Providence”) is committed to providing a safe environment for its students and staff. To further that goal, effective March 14, 2022, until further notice, all those who work at, attend, or visit any of Providence’s facilities (collectively, the “Community”) shall comply with the following Attendance Policy, which may be modified by Providence at any time.

Nothing in this Policy or any action taken pursuant thereto constitutes or should be construed as medical advice. Members of the Community should address any concerns regarding their health or any medical condition to a healthcare professional. Moreover, by enacting this Policy, Providence does not endorse, approve, or adopt any executive orders, statutes, regulations, ordinances, or other governmental enactments, actions, claims, orders, or judgments that may purport to apply to Providence or the Community, and Providence reserves all of its rights, constitutional and otherwise, to challenge or defend itself in regard to any of the foregoing.

1. Symptoms of COVID-19 – As referred to in this Policy, the symptoms of COVID-19 are those that have been identified by the CDC. Although the CDC updates its designation of symptoms from time to time, as of the date of this policy, the identified symptoms include “new” or “unexpected” fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

2. What to do if you are diagnosed with or test positive for COVID-19 – Any staff member or student who tests positive for or is diagnosed with COVID-19 shall not enter a Providence facility until they meet the requirements of paragraph 3 and must inform the Heads of School, or for middle school staff and students, the Middle School Director, of their diagnosis and/or positive test.

3. Returning to school after a diagnosis or positive test for COVID-19 – A staff member or student who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 and had symptoms of COVID-19 may return to school after five (5) full days if his or her symptoms have improved and he or she has been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours. If the staff member or student did not have symptoms of COVID-19, he or she may return to school after five (5) full days. Any staff member or student returning to school after being diagnosed with or testing positive for COVID-19 shall wear a face covering while indoors, except while eating or drinking, for 10 days following the positive test or diagnosis.

4. What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19 without a diagnosis or positive test – If any staff member or student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, he or she may not report to or enter a Providence facility. If any staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 while he or she is at any Providence facility, the staff member should immediately leave the facility. If any student develops symptoms of COVID-19 while he or she is at any Providence facility, a staff member shall contact the student’s parent or guardian to have the student picked up from school within one hour.
5. **Returning to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without a diagnosis or positive test** – A staff member or student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 but is not currently quarantining due to close contact with an individual who was diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 shall not return to any Providence facility until either (1) his or her local health department or physician has cleared him or her to do so and/or determined that his or her symptoms are due to a non-contagious condition, or (2) his or her symptoms have improved and he or she has been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours.

6. **Returning to school after close contact with an individual who was diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19** - If a staff member or student has, within the past 48 hours, had close contact (household member or at least 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period within six (6) feet) with an individual who was diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of the source (e.g., school, non-school community, household), he or she may continue to attend school in person so long as:

   a. The staff member or student does not have symptoms of COVID-19; and
   b. Unless the staff member or student has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, the staff member or student tests negative for COVID-19 every other day through at least the fifth day following the exposure; and
   c. The staff member or student wears a face covering while indoors, except while eating or drinking, for 10 days following the exposure.

If the staff member or student does not follow the testing requirement set forth in paragraph 6(b), he or she may return to Providence facilities upon the earlier of:

   a. Testing negative for COVID-19 at least five (5) days after the last exposure; or
   b. After quarantining for 10 days, if they have been conducting daily monitoring and have not developed symptoms of COVID-19.

For the purpose of the testing requirement set forth in this paragraph, the staff member or student may use a PCR or rapid test administered at home or by a provider or community testing site of their choice. Providence will provide free on-campus testing that satisfies paragraph 6(b) to staff members and students who were exposed to COVID-19 in school.

If the staff member or student subsequently is diagnosed with, tests positive for, or develops symptoms of COVID-19, he or she should follow the applicable provisions of this Policy.

7. **What to do if someone in your household is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test** – If a household member of any staff member or student is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test (except a test administered in the course of a government- or employer-required, routine screening program), regardless of vaccination status, the staff member or student should not come to school in person until a negative test result is received. If the test result is positive, the staff member or student should follow the applicable provisions of this Policy.

8. **What to do if someone in your household has had close contact with someone who was diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19** – If a household member of a staff member or student has, within the past 48 hours, had close contact (household member or at least 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period within six (6) feet) with an individual who
tested positive for or was diagnosed with COVID-19, the staff member or student is not required to quarantine unless the household member exhibits symptoms of, is diagnosed with, or tests positive for COVID-19. If the household member exhibits symptoms of, is diagnosed with, or tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, the staff member or student should comply with paragraph 6 with regard to quarantining and returning to school.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of and reviewed the Providence Montessori School COVID-19 Attendance Policy, and I agree on behalf of myself and/or my child(ren) to comply with the procedures set forth therein.

SIGNATURE ______________________________________ DATE ________________________________

PRINT NAME __________________________________________