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Dear Families & Staff,

The Newport Montessori School successfully delivered in-person instruction this past year despite many challenges; however, these challenges demonstrated the incredible sacrifice, perseverance, and courage by our family, faculty, & staff. In the summer of 2020, the Newport Montessori School established a committee tasked with developing procedures & practices which balanced the physical safety of employees, students, families, and visitors with the academic, physical, and emotional needs of individual students and employees.

The NMS Covid Committee met throughout the last school year and has continued to meet this summer to review current DHHS (Department of Health & Human Services), CDC (Center for Disease Control) and NH DOE (Department of Education) mandates and guidelines. Our committee has been and will continue to be transparent, diligent and effective.

There are several meetings and updates scheduled by the organizations listed above that will take place in the month of August. Our committee will participate in these meetings, review the updates, and then share our plan for procedures and practices before the start of school on September 7th.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the volunteers on our Covid Committee who have graciously donated their expertise and time to help assure that we can intelligently prepare to continue the good work with our students, staff, and supportive families.

Be well,

Christy M. Whipple, M. Ed., Head of School

**Covid Committee Members:**

Christy Whipple, Head of School & Educator  
Todd Bersaglieri, Assistant Director & Educator  
Ashleigh McFarlin, Board of Directors & Finance  
Kate Sargent, Board of Directors & Parent  
Nikki Aldridge, Educator  
Amanda Bevilacqua, Educator  
Dr. Susan Mooney, Physician  
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