

# **PARENT HANDBOOK FOR COVID-19**



Great Lakes Montessori

## **About Us**

At GLM, we serve families with children from 14 months to 6 years of age. We work in partnership with families, communities, and other service sectors to provide high quality Montessori Education and childcare that promote and support health, and economic outcomes for families with young children.

## **Our Team**

Our team includes Registered Early Childhood Educators and Montessori trained teachers who work together to ensure your child's needs will be met while they are in our care. They are responsible for developing and implementing an authentic Montessori Program which is prepared by experienced and caring team of teachers and assistants keeping in mind Maria Montessori Philosophy.

Our staff have current Standard First Aid and Infant/Child CPR Certification and complete Vulnerable Sector Checks prior to their employment and on regular intervals after employment begins. Registered Early Childhood Educators are in good standing with the College of Early Childhood Educators and Montessori. Each person on our team receives training and development on an on-going basis.

## **Care**

We will do our best to provide childcare for your family, subject to the limitations required by the current circumstances, including Provincial, City, and Public Health directives. We believe every child belongs and will do our best to ensure that your child is welcomed into our centres.

If we determine that we are unable to meet those needs despite our best efforts to accommodate your child, either because of the initial assessment or as circumstances develop, we reserve the right to decline or withdraw our childcare services.

## **Response to COVID-19**

GLM is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of your children, our staff, partners, and the community. We are closely monitoring COVID-19 and base our response and actions on recommendations from Public Health, the Ministry of Health, Health Canada, and additional relevant authorities.

While infection prevention and control (IPAC) has always been an integral part of our childcare culture, we have adapted and enhanced our policies and procedures in response to COVID-19, to mitigate risk and ensure the health and safety of all.

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The following practices will be in place:

- Staff will be screened prior to entry into the facility,
- A screening area is isolated at the entrance of the school,
- Only one parent can enter the screening area with their child/children,
- Children will be screened before entering the school and monitored throughout the day for COVID-19 related symptoms,
- Children will be excluded from care if they develop any symptoms related to COVID-19 and parents will be notified to arrange for a pickup at the earliest,
- Policies and procedures have been developed specific to COVID-19 to increase the health and safety of children, staff, and families,
- Staff will monitor children to ensure social distancing and infection and control practices are prioritized,
- Staff will receive thorough enhanced infection prevention and control, and health and safety training. Training will be updated as necessary and provided to ensure best practices and consistency,
- Families are welcome to request information on health and safety as well as infection prevention and control; and
- Procedures will be updated and revised regularly to ensure best practices in accordance with Public Health authorities.

## **Outbreak Management and Response Plan for COVID-Related Symptoms**

### **POLICY**

To protect the health and well-being of children and staff within the school, all children should be monitored while in care for emerging signs or symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19. Children or staff who become ill while at the childcare centre must return home as soon as possible. The Supervisor must initiate the centre's illness management policies, including the following measures related to outbreak management for COVID-19.

### **PROCEDURES**

#### **Health Checks for Children in Care**

Staff must ensure that all children in care are monitored for illness, with a temperature taken as appropriate, including for the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever (temperature  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- New or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
- Any of the following symptoms:
  - Sore throat
  - Headaches

- Diarrhea
- Difficulty swallowing
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise
- Nausea/vomiting
- Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Abdominal pain
- Runny nose/sneezing without any other known cause
- Chills
- Croup (respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing)
- Nasal congestion without other known cause

Staff must ensure that hand hygiene is performed before and after each health check with each child. If thermometers with single use tips are used, the tips must be discarded after each use. Thermometers must be cleaned with 70% alcohol wipes with a one-minute contact time between use. Staff are required to document temperature check each time. Staff must document any symptoms observed on the child's Illness Tracking Form.

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN**

### **Children Who Display COVID-19-Related Symptoms During Care**

If ANY ONE of the symptoms related to COVID-19 are present in a child, the child must be immediately excluded from the childcare centre and sent home. If the child has siblings who attend the same childcare centre, all siblings must also be excluded. Staff are required to:

- Isolate the child with symptoms immediately from other children and staff into a designated isolation room (e.g. sick room).
- Move the cohort of children who were in the program room with the symptomatic child to the vacant program room and immediately clean and disinfect the impacted room.
- Increase ventilation in the isolation room if possible (e.g., open windows).
- Keep the child comfortable by providing a separate cot and toys. Clean and disinfect the cot and all toys after the child leaves the centre. While waiting for the child to be taken home, the child must be supervised by only one staff person until the child leaves while maintaining a physical distance of 2-meters if possible.
- Ensure the child wears a surgical-type or non-medical face mask (if tolerated) to cover the child's nose and mouth. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2 or on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The staff caring for the child should also wear a face mask. Hands must be washed before and after taking off a mask. A cloth scarf (e.g. made of cotton) may also be used.
- In addition, staff should perform hand hygiene and attempt to not touch their face with unwashed hands. Disposable gloves may be used when there is close contact with the child. Staff must ensure that they wash their hands or use hand sanitizer (if hands not visibly soiled) immediately upon removal of the gloves. The most important measures are proper hand hygiene and maintaining a 2-meter distance as much as possible.
- Respiratory etiquette should also be practiced while the child is waiting to be picked up. Tissues should be provided to the child and disposed of properly after use in a lined, covered garbage container.

- Staff will notify the parent/guardian to arrange for immediate pick-up of the child. If a parent cannot be reached, an emergency contact person will be contacted to pick up the child.
- Staff will document the symptoms observed, the date and time that symptoms occurred, and the program room the child attended on the Illness Tracking Form.
- Once the child has been picked up, the Supervisor will ensure that the isolation room (i.e. room where child was separated to) and any other surfaces that the child had contact with are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- The child should be excluded from childcare and self-isolate for 14 days from the start of symptoms and be tested for COVID-19 before returning to childcare. The Supervisor will provide the parent/guardian with contact information for York Public Health if needed.
- If tested negative, and free of symptoms for 24 hours, the child must pass re-entry screening to return to childcare.
- Alternatively, a medical note from a physician stating that either the child is fit to return to the childcare centre or is free from communicable disease may be provided to access childcare.
- If tested positive, York Public Health will provide direction on when the child can return to childcare.

#### **Staff Who Display COVID-19-Related Symptoms While at Work**

Any staff person who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, new or worsening cough or shortness of breath and other symptoms as described in the COVID-19 Screening Form for Staff must not return to the centre. If a staff person becomes ill while at the childcare centre:

- Staff should isolate themselves as quickly as possible until they are able to leave the centre and wear a surgical-type or non-medical face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- COVID-19 testing will be required for any staff experiencing symptoms before returning to work. The Supervisor will provide the staff person with contact information for York Public Health and a referral letter for COVID-19 priority testing.
- Staff must remain off work until symptoms are fully resolved and negative laboratory tests have been confirmed. If the staff person tests negative, they should not return to work until free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- If staff person tests negative for COVID-19, and is free of symptoms for 24 hours, s/he must pass re-entry screening to return to work.
- If staff person tests positive, York Public Health will provide direction on when s/he can return to work.

#### **When a child or staff person becomes ill, the Supervisor will report the illness to:**

- York Public Health
- The Supervisor will contact York Public Health to notify them of a potential COVID-19 case and seek advice regarding the information that should be shared with staff and parents/guardians of children enrolled at the childcare centre.

- Other children and staff in the centre who had close contact with a child or staff person who became ill should be grouped together. York Public Health will provide any further direction on testing and isolation of close contacts.
- Children or staff who have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should be excluded from the childcare setting for 14 days.
- Ministry of Education
- Notify the Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch Regional Manager.
- Follow the regular Serious Occurrence (SO) reporting requirements (including submitting a SO report in CCLS and posting the SO notification form).
- Region of York Early Years and Child Care Services Division
- Notify Service Manager that Serious Occurrence filed with Ministry of Education.

### **Instructions for a Child or Staff with Confirmed COVID-19 Illness**

If the Supervisor is notified that a staff person or child has tested positive for COVID-19, the following steps will be taken:

- Continue to exclude the person with the confirmed case from the centre until further notice.
- Supervisor will call the contact provided for York Public Health to ensure an investigation is conducted and necessary measures are taken to notify each of the ill child's or staff person's contacts (i.e. other staff, children and close family). York Public Health will provide advice and the steps necessary to control the outbreak.
- Provide York Public Health with the most current Illness Tracking Form
- Notify cleaning staff to increase cleaning and disinfection practices.
- Use a disinfectant with a Drug Identification Number (DIN), check expiry date, and follow manufacturer's instructions.
- If using bleach, for the appropriate concentration of bleach and water, refer to the Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres.
- A note should be posted at the front entrance of the child care centre for at least 7 days notifying parents and caregivers of the situation (i.e. there was one confirmed case of COVID-19 at the centre on a specific date and the child or staff person affected are self isolating for 14 days. The environment has been cleaned and disinfected).

### **Closure of Child Care Centre**

The decision to close the childcare centre will depend on several factors and will be determined on a case by case basis in consultation with York Public Health. Case scenarios could include but are not limited to a case with an ill staff person with exposure to multiple children, or two or more cases within the childcare centre.

## **Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting Policy and Procedures**

### **Policy Statement**

Great Lakes Montessori is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, families, and employees. We will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of communicable diseases.

### **Purpose**

To ensure that all employees are aware of, and adhere to, the directive established by our local health departments, and Children's Services regarding cleaning and disinfecting.

### **Application**

This policy applies to all employees, students, community members, and any other persons engaged in business with us.

### **Definitions**

**Cleaning:** refers to the physical removal of foreign material (i.e. dust, soil) and organic material (i.e. blood, secretions, microorganisms). Cleaning removes, rather than kills microorganisms. Warm water, detergent, and mechanical action (i.e. wiping) is required to clean surfaces. Rinsing with clean water is required to complete the cleaning process to ensure the detergent film is removed.

**Sanitize:** is defined as the reduction of microorganisms to levels considered safe from a public health viewpoint. Sanitizing takes place after the cleaning step because it is most effective on a minimally soiled surface.

**Disinfecting:** describes a process completed after cleaning in which a sanitizer, is used to kill most disease-causing microorganisms. To be effective disinfectants must be left on a surface for a period of time (contact time). Contact times are generally prescribed by the product manufacturer. Any items children may come into contact with, may require a final rinse after the required contact time is observed.

### **Procedures**

All products including cleaning agents and disinfectants must be kept in a secured location that is out of reach of children. All cleaning agents and disinfectants must be labelled and must have Safety Data Sheets (SDS) up to date (within three years), which are stored in a binder in the office.

## Cleaning

- Use detergent and warm water to clean visibly soiled surfaces
- Rinse the surface with clean water (warm to tepid temperature preferred) to ensure detergent is removed
- Let the surface dry
- A sanitizing solution using 1 litre of water (4 cups) to 2 ml of bleach (.4 tsp) is an acceptable sanitary solution. You can check the solution strength with test strips.
- Outbreak situation: 5,000 ppm solution (1 cup of water to 5 tsp of bleach)
- Sanitizing solution should be mixed fresh every day since it loses its strength and effectiveness after 8 hours. Contact time is 10 minutes.

## Disinfecting Surfaces

For general environmental disinfection of high touch surfaces use the bleach and water mix, in a ready to use spray bottle - the contact time for disinfecting is **10 minutes**.

## How to Disinfect

- We suggest rubber gloves, and a mask can be used if the employee has scent sensitivities
- Spray or wipe on the bleach solution and leave on the surface for the appropriate disinfecting contact time (**10 minutes**). Once the contact time has elapsed, the surface has now been disinfected
- Any surface that food or children may come in contact with requires a final rinse with a single-use paper towel (i.e. counters, trolleys, sinks)
- If the surface continues to be wet, you may wipe it dry with a single-use paper towel

## Cleaning and Disinfection frequency requirements

### Clean and disinfect upon **ENTRY to childcare (for staff)**:

- Any hard surfaces such as water bottles, travel mugs, cell phones, containers

### Frequencies:

Cleaning and disinfecting routines must be increased as the risk of environmental contamination is higher:

- **Tables and countertops:** used for food preparation and food service must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use
- **Spills:** must be cleaned and disinfected immediately
- **High Touch surfaces:** these are surfaces that have frequent contact with hands, food, and other objects. These surfaces must be cleaned at least twice per day and as often as necessary (i.e., when visibly contaminated). Examples include sinks, counter tops, door handles

## **Cutting Surfaces and Utensils**

All cutting of food must be done on a plastic cutting board and used for 1 single task at a time. Cutting boards must be routinely cleaned in hot water, sanitized, and rinsed after each use. Care must be taken not to transfer contamination of one food to another. Knives used to cut or

slice food items should not be used for other foods or other items, unless the knife has been adequately cleaned with hot water, sanitized, and rinsed.

## **Policy and Procedure Review**

This policy and procedure will be reviewed and signed off by all employees before commencing employment/unpaid placement, and at any time where a change is made.

## **Duty to Report**

We have a duty to report suspicions and disclosure of child abuse. If the supervisor and/or staff of the centre have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child may have been abused, the suspicion, and the information upon which that suspicion is based, must be reported immediately to a Children's Aid Society.

A professional, who works with children, can be charged, and fined for failing to report. It is the responsibility of the child protection agency to investigate and follow-up on the situation, as necessary.

If a parent/guardian expresses concerns that a child is being abused or neglected while in our care, the parent will be advised to contact the local Children's Aid Society (CAS) directly. Any concern or complaint made by a parent or visitor that suggests an allegation of abuse will be reported to a local Children's Aid Society by the staff who received the complaint.

## **Behaviour Guidance**

Our staff use behaviour guidance strategies that support children to develop appropriate social and emotional skills. GLM prohibits the following practices:

- Corporal punishment,
- Physical restraint of the child, such as confining the child to a high chair, car seat, stroller or other device for the purposes of discipline or in lieu of supervision, unless the physical restraint is for the purpose of preventing a child from hurting himself, herself or someone else, and is used only as a last resort and only until the risk of injury is no longer imminent,
- Locking the exits of the child care centre for the purpose of confining the child, or confining the child in an area or room without adult supervision, unless such confinement occurs during an emergency and is required as part of the licensee's emergency management policies and procedures,
- Use of harsh or degrading measures or threats or use of derogatory language directed at or used in the presence of a child that would humiliate, shame or frighten the child or undermine his or her self-respect, dignity or self-worth,

- Depriving the child of basic needs including food, drink, shelter, sleep, toilet use, clothing, or bedding; or
- Inflicting any bodily harm on children including making children eat or drink against their will.

If a staff member implements any of these practices, the appropriate children's protection agency would be notified and disciplinary action is taken, including notification to the College of Early Childhood Educators. Incidents of this nature are reported to the Ministry of Education as a Serious Occurrence.

## **Confidentiality**

Every issue and concern will be treated confidentially and every effort will be made to protect the privacy of parents/guardians, children, and staff, except when information must be disclosed for legal reasons (e.g. to the Ministry of Education, College of Early Childhood Educators, law enforcement authorities or a Children's Aid Society).

## **Immunization**

We are required to collect and retain up-to-date immunization for children in our care. Please provide us with current immunization information.

If your child has not been immunized, please provide The Statement of Medical Exemption Form completed by your health practitioner. You may also complete the Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief which requires a signature by a Commissioner of Oath.

If you cannot provide either of these documents, we are unable to provide you with childcare.

If an outbreak occurs, a child who is not adequately immunized will not be able to attend care unless the child receives the required vaccine or until the outbreak is over.

## **Operating Hours**

Care will be offered from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

## **Drop-Off Procedure**

To ensure health and safety as well as stringent infection prevention and control practices, we will receive your child at the main entrance of the childcare centre. At this time, our staff will greet you and health screen your child. We will also receive and disinfect belongings at this time. We understand that this may be unsettling; however, this step will ensure that the childcare setting remains free of infection. Our staff will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

## **Pick-Up Procedure**

Please share instructions and/or custody arrangements with the supervisor concerning pick up or access to your child and ensure we are notified of any changes. We will only

release your child to individuals that you have authorized for pick up. We may confirm identity by requesting government issued identification.

When you (or your designate) arrive at the centre to pick up your child, we will verify your identity and bring your child to you at the entrance of the childcare centre. This practice is used to ensure physical distancing protocol.

## **When Your Child is Sick**

Staff will complete a basic health check and screening to ensure your child is asymptomatic when they arrive. Your child will also be monitored throughout the day.

If your child is showing ill symptoms at home (e.g. sore throat, stomach-ache, headache, cough, lethargy, change in appetite) your child should not attend care and should remain home and isolate for 14 days. If symptoms persist on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, please contact the supervisor for further direction.

If your child becomes sick at the centre, they will be separated from the other children and supervised by one of our staff members. We will notify you to pick up your child. If it is appropriate and feasible, we will place a mask on your child. If your child requires immediate medical attention, your child will be taken to the hospital by ambulance and examined by a legally qualified medical practitioner.

If you or your child are/have been managed by Public Health, (e.g., confirmed cases of COVID-19, household contacts of cases) follow instructions from the health department to determine when to return to the facility.

## **Medication**

Our staff will only administer prescription medication. Prescription medication must be provided in the original bottle/packaging, clearly labeled with your child's name, and instructions for administering. Parents must complete and sign the appropriate medication administration form before the medication can be administered by our staff. Please try to minimize the amount of medication that is administered at the childcare centre.

Non-prescription or over the counter medication must be accompanied by a written prescription by a medical practitioner outlining the exact dosage and time(s) to be given and symptoms of when to administer the medication.

For the safety of the children, all medication must be handed directly to a staff member so that it can be securely stored away from the children's reach.

## **Individual Medical Plan**

An Individual Medical Plan will be developed and put in place for any child requiring medication for a chronic or acute condition or diagnosis or who requires medication on an emergency basis. All individual medical plans will be developed in partnership with the child's parent/guardian.

## **Allergies and Anaphylaxis**

Let us know if your child has an allergy that requires the administration of an auto-injector. We will need written and specific details of your child's allergy and symptoms of an allergic reaction from a medical practitioner including a prescribed epinephrine auto-injector. All allergies will be listed in our program to ensure all employees can respond appropriately to any potential reactions. If your child requires an auto-injector due to a severe allergy, it must accompany them into care or be stored here at school.

## **Accidents and Injuries**

Despite close supervision, accidents may occur. If your child is injured at the centre, the staff will provide immediate first aid. If the situation requires attention beyond basic first aid, we will contact you or the emergency contact person on file. If required, we will call 911. If your child experiences a head injury, you will be contacted.

Staff will provide you with an accident report documenting the accident or injury. A parent or guardian's signature is required at the bottom of the form to verify that you were informed of the accident/injury. A copy of the signed report will be provided to you.

If your child has an accident or injury at home, please inform the staff when you drop off your child the following day, so we are aware of the incident.

## **Nutrition**

We provide lunch and two snacks for children in our full day program. Weekly menus are available for you to review. Please note our centres are nut free facilities.

## **Outdoor Play**

Outdoor play time will be used to support our efforts to maintain physical distance requirements and support children's immune systems. It is important that children be dressed for various types of weather to ensure they can actively participate in the outdoor program. Please ensure that adequate and suitable clothing and footwear is provided as well as individually labeled sunscreen during the summer months.

## **Clothing and Personal Belongings**

Please provide us with everything your child requires daily. This includes diapers, diaper cream, bottles, soothers, and indoor and outdoor clothing. Stuffed animals and other soft toys are not recommended during COVID-19 outbreak.

## **Rest Time**

We will provide your child with rest or sleep time, if required. Cots will be labelled with your child's name and sanitized every day. We ask you to bring 5 bed sheets on Mondays and launder them every weekend. We change the bed sheet each day during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Children's sleep/rest time is monitored by staff ensuring that regular visual checks are completed on each child and documented to ensure their health and safety.

## **Birthdays**

We usually celebrate children's birthdays at centre if parents request a permission to bring a cake on such a special day. During the COVID-19 outbreak, however, cake and goodie bags with food items are not allowed to reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to other children.

## **Respectful Environment**

Everyone has the right to feel safe and to be treated with dignity and respect. Harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated. This is an expectation of everyone entering either of our centres. Failure to adhere to this expectation may result in denied access to the centre.

If a parent/guardian or employee feels threatened, abused, or belittled, they may immediately end the conversation and report the situation to the supervisor.

## **Complaints**

If you have a concern or complaint concerning your child's care, we encourage you to speak to the Supervisor of your child's program directly. If not available on the premises, please send an email. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Complaints are reviewed promptly, and we attempt to resolve them quickly. We monitor complaints and use them improve the quality of service we can provide to you. Complaints are treated confidentially, and steps will be taken to help protect your privacy. You will be informed when a decision is made and provided with an explanation for the decision. Complaints involving staff conduct will be investigated and you will be informed when it is resolved; however, no disciplinary information can be shared.

- All written complaints will be responded to in writing.
- While there are certain steps that need to be taken to ensure fairness for all concerned, there can be unavoidable delays; however, we will treat each case in a prompt and thorough manner.

If you are making a verbal complaint, you may be asked to put your complaint in writing, especially if it involves a serious or complex matter.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Are families responsible for paying childcare fees if the child is excluded due to potential COVID-19 symptoms?**
  - a. If a child presents symptoms of being sick, the family is responsible for paying their fees just like a sick day prior to COVID-19.
  
2. **Are families responsible for paying childcare fees if the child is excluded due to confirmed case of COVID-19?**
  - a. Refund will be issued if positive test result is provided.
  
3. **Who is responsible for paying childcare fees if an entire classroom or the centre is shut down because of a positive COVID-19 case?**
  - a. If a childcare centre or classroom is required to be closed for 14 days, the centre can charge the family fees for these days as per York Region guideline during COVID-19 Outbreak.

## GLM Liability Letter

### **Our plan to keep everyone safe:**

#### Here is some of what we are doing:

- Children are dropped at the door and we are screening before the child is allowed in the center. (temperature).
- Parents are not allowed to go past the screening area.
- Cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day. (Disinfecting hard surfaces every 45 mins).
- Helping the children to wash their hands properly and frequently (handwashing for children and staff every 45 mins AND whenever required in between)
- Keeping all classrooms separate as much as possible to reduce the possibility of transmission
- Having smaller groups in the playground/toilets etc. at any one time.
- We will encourage the children to sit further apart than usual. Please know that young children have no concept of 'personal space'. We will not be able to guarantee that the younger children will maintain social distancing, but we will try our best by providing specially designed activity areas according to each child's level
- We will try to keep all inner doors open to minimize touching of door handles
- Cots will be further apart at nap time. We have requested the parents to provide only those items which are essential for your child during nap time. (five bed sheets, one small blanket which will be sent home everyday to replace, no stuffed toys please)

- We request that all your child's items brought to school are clearly labelled
- If any child shows signs of illness, we will isolate the child and call the parents immediately. Staff and children in the same room as that child will not mix with the other groups at the school for fourteen days. We will advise all families and the Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health

Here is what we will ask you to do:

- Monitor your children for signs of illness - If in doubt, do not bring your child to school
- Never give your child medication to bring down a fever and then bring them to school
- Ensure we have your current phone numbers and provide back-up numbers
- Be available always in case we need you to pick up your child
- Please know that York Region Public Health or Ministry of Education COULD ask GLM to close for 2 weeks or more if a positive COVID-19 case(s) is detected. At this point we have no such directives from Provincial Government as the number of cases which could lead to a closure
- Do not take any risks (please continue to take all necessary precautions as suggested by Provincial and Federal Government) as there are families with vulnerable people who live in the same home as our students.

Despite all our collective efforts, we could end up with a case of Covid-19 at our facility. Please sign below to indicate that you are aware of the potential for illness, and that you accept the risk associated with sending your child to school during this time.

*On behalf of my family, I accept the risks associated with sending my child,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (child's full name) to Great Lakes Montessori.*

- 📄 I give permission for my child to use hand sanitizer: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_
- 📄 I have read and understood the above COVID-19 Parent handbook as well as COVID-19 Management and Response Plan.
- 📄 Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_