

# Swan River Montessori Charter School

## Safe Learning Plan FY23

SRMCS continually prioritizes the safety and well-being of all our students and staff. We are committed to providing a safe educational environment where students and staff thrive in a healthy environment. To ensure we have a safe environment we have reviewed guidance from the MN Department of Education (MDE), MN Department of Health (MDH), and the CDC. We have also analyzed local data to inform our decision making. Our decisions continue to be based on what is best for SRMCS students.

### SRMCS Learning Model

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SRMCS will use an in-person learning model for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes will be in-person, five days a week.

## Safety Precautions

### MDE/MDH Guidelines

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We will follow the guidelines from the MN Dept of Health and the MN Dept of Education. Sometimes MDH and MDE require certain actions; sometimes they recommend certain actions.

- If an action is required, you'll see it being carried out in our schools.
- If an action is recommended, you might see it in some places but not others.

### Health Screening

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SRMCS staff and parents will be required to conduct a daily self-check of COVID symptoms and stay home if they are sick or display any symptoms, and not send their children to school if they are sick or display any symptoms. SRMCS will use passive screening to determine fever or illness of students and staff while at school. Stay home when displaying any signs of illness is key to remaining in a in-person model

### Mask Guidance

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At this time, masks are recommended by the CDC and MDH. In accordance with this, we will recommend but not require masks within SRMCS buildings. This guidance will be constantly evaluated based on school and local data as well as state and federal recommendations.

### Vaccinations

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SRMCS will not require COVID-19 vaccinations for the 2022-2023 school year. Students and staff who have not been vaccinated will not be identified or segregated from others. They will be welcomed by all. Unvaccinated students and staff are encouraged to wear a mask.

## Safety Precautions

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Students will be encouraged to hand wash using soap and hot water for 20 seconds on a regular basis per CDC guidelines. Students will be instructed on proper handwashing technique. Hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) will be available in each classroom for student and staff use. Proper respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) will be modeled and reinforced.

## Disinfection and Cleaning Routines

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General building high touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day by employees of the school. Classroom routines of deep cleaning and disinfecting will be implemented by all custodial teams in each school building. Classroom teachers will be provided supplies for frequent touch-ups as well.

## Quarantine

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Students and staff who test positive and have symptoms, must remain at home for 5 days from the time symptoms start and until symptoms have improved and they have had no fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications. If they have no symptoms but test positive, they should stay home for 5 days counting from the day they were tested. Parents must contact the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19. Staff must contact the director if they test positive. For quarantining guidance, SRMCS will refer to [COVID-19 QUARANTINE GUIDE For schools, child care, and youth programming](#).

## Monitor

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SRMCS will closely monitor positive cases of COVID-19 and take necessary steps to protect our students and staff. We expect families, staff, and the community to partner with us so we can keep our students in an in-person learning model.