

Safe Start to BGM and TH

Enrolling at Blooming Grove Montessori and Toad Hill Children's House during COVID-19

Research and Guidelines based on:

1. CDC guidelines for childcare and camps
 2. Department of Children and Families
 3. City of Madison Childcare Accreditation meetings
 4. Montessori COVID meetings and trainings
 5. Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) trainings
 6. Independent School Management webinars
 7. Interviews with centers that have remained open
 8. Wisconsin's Badger Bounce Back Plan and Forward Dane
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2021 Updates and Changes

- Limits on class size(s)
 - Masks for all children ages 5 and older **REQUIRED**
 - Masks for children ages 2-4 strongly encouraged
 - Daily health screenings of staff and children
 - Physical distancing as possible
 - Mixed-age stable groups (Children will not mix with other groups, nor will teachers mix between building levels)
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- All meals and snacks should be provided from home (Don't forget utensils!) Milk will be provided.
 - Additional cleaning and sanitizing by staff.
 - Children will be outside as weather allows (minimum of 1 hour per day, weather permitting.)
 - Limit the personal items kept at school, and keep them in a designated space
 - Eliminate items going between home and school
 - All tuition payments will be made electronically using our ACH system or Wisconsin Shares.
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Tuition and Forms

An ACH account will be created using the checking account you used to make the most recent payment to Blooming Grove Montessori or Toad Hill Children's House.

COVID-19 Forms have been added to our required Enrollment Forms. You may print these at home and scan or text a photo of the signed pages to your child's teacher.



Daily Screenings and drop-off/pick-up

*Check in screenings: If anyone in the vehicle is showing symptoms the child/ren will not be allowed to attend.

*Signed “Screening” sheet due on the child/ren’s first day back

*Waiver for all families and staff due on the first day back

*Children must wash hands upon entering and departing classrooms and between use of materials

*Symptoms, persistent cough, trouble breathing, fever of 100 or more should be tested for COVID 19 and need to be 72 hours symptom free, and have doctors written permission before returning to a program

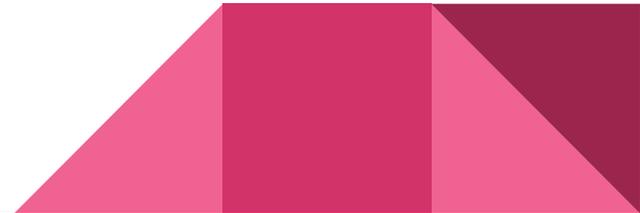
*Parents should stay in vehicles and wear a mask. Please do not come to the building or fence

*Children stay with same group & staff daily



Forward Dane Testing:

Every Wisconsin resident who has symptoms of COVID-19 can get a lab test. Results will be reported to the patient and state or local public health within 48 hours of collection. These can be through your doctor's office or the Alliant Energy test site. You must notify your classroom teacher if anyone in your household has a positive case, or if they have been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.



Forward Dane Tracing:

In order to reopen Wisconsin, we need to be sure that everyone who can transmit the virus (whether because they are infected or exposed) understands their responsibility to stay home. It is expected that your child is only attending our programs and is staying at home, thus limiting exposure to our BGM and TH communities, and allowing for easier contact tracing.



Forward Dane Tracking:

Building on systems used to track influenza, the State of Wisconsin will track the spread of the disease and report on the Wisconsin Gating Criteria and other related metrics. We are required to notify PHMDC if there are any positive cases in our programs.



What if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 on site?

If there is a confirmed case on site; all families and staff who shared the space with an infected person will be notified. We are required to contact the CDC, DCF and Health Services. Based on the circumstances they will provide us with instructions on how to proceed, and the measures that we will need to take to ensure health and safety for all. Staff are prepared to move to online instruction for temporary closures.

Please note that because each classroom of BGM has it's own entrance and because groups do not mix, we expect that a closure would only impact one classroom or one level of the BGM building.

