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COVID Response: Updated March 7, 2022

The Board of Directors met recently to discuss our current COVID mitigation strategies and to create a plan to return to a more typical school experience. The Board considered the latest guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) based on community level transmission of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html#content>

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask indoors in public Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
<p>People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.</p>		

The Board also considered guidance from the Policy Lab and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP): <https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/publications/PolicyLab-CHOP-Guidance-Managing-COVID-19-Other-Seasonal-Viruses-ECE-Settings.pdf>



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Face masks are optional at Brookeside Montessori during times of low or medium community level transmission of COVID-19. Face masks will be required indoors during times of high community transmission.

While some strategies may be eased, there are some practices that will stay with us.

- ❖ Students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize hands upon arrival to classroom and throughout the day as good hygiene practice.
- ❖ Students and staff should be aware of and communicate symptoms and stay home when sick.
- ❖ Students and staff should bring a refillable water bottle instead of drinking from water fountains.
- ❖ The school will maintain a daily cleaning procedure for tables / desks high traffic area.