



Oneonta Montessori School



SAFETY PROTOCOLS SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 PRESCHOOL

FEWER RESTRICTIONS

LA County Dept of Public Health has deemed that LA County has met the metrics needed to ease most restrictions; however, there are still CA State restrictions for schools that must be adhered to for the safety of all as our students are not vaccinated. They are all listed here; please read very carefully.

DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE

Preschool & TK Students
Lower parking lot

- * Park on street.
- * Vehicles not allowed inside lot.
- * Walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.
- * **Adults & children must wear masks at all times & use same entrances.**

TEMPERATURE CHECK

Active Screening takes place

- * Temperature check
 - * Basic Covid-19 symptom questions asked
 - * Children get hand sanitizer and walk into building.
- At entry, any children displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19 will not be allowed into school. ***Pls do not leave until your child gains entry to school.***
- During the school day, children exhibiting any symptoms will be isolated immediately and must be picked up within 15- 20 minutes. Child must stay home for a minimum of 10 days until symptoms have improved & are free of fever for at least 24 hrs without fever reducing medication.

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Hooray for the start of new school year! We are excited to welcome all of you back to Oneonta! We are confident and eager to forge ahead and stand fast on our commitment to our families; thank you for the trust placed on us.

Once your child has been placed on the Classroom roster, the teacher will get in touch with you via our school app called DOJO. This will be the means of communication between teacher and parent.

MASKS

All students 2 yrs and over must wear a mask at all times except during recess, nap time & while eating. All Oneonta staff members will wear a mask at all times on campus. Extra masks can be brought & kept at school. ***Adults walking to the gate at drop off/pick up MUST wear masks at all times.***

MATERIALS AND TOYS

Sharing of materials and toys will not be allowed. Children will be assigned specific materials that will be sprayed with disinfectant soon after use and also at the end of each day. Personal pencil boxes with classroom essentials such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks will be given to each child, solely for individual use in school.

LUNCHES/SNACKS

Lunch boxes will be allowed this school year, however, we will not be doing warm ups in the microwave. Please warm up food and place in a wide mouth thermos at home before sending to school so the food will remain warm for lunch. Choice Lunch; the hot lunch catering service will start the 2nd week of school. Snacks may be brought from home; school will provide snacks as well. Sharing food is not allowed.

DISPOSABLE/REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

All drinking fountains are no longer operational; only disposable or reusable water bottles must be brought to school. Disposable water bottles are most hygienic & can be saved for use the following day, if unopened. We recycle the bottles.

TRAVEL

According to the CDC guidelines, all persons (any child, family or staff member) returning from vacation from any other state or another country must not return to school until a 10 day mandatory self quarantine period has lapsed. Three days after arrival, if a Covid19 test is conducted and it is a negative result, individual may return to school on the 7th day after arrival. We ask that everyone, please comply with this guideline so that all of us at Oneonta can remain healthy.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SAFETY STANDARDS

CLASSROOMS

Children will remain mainly with their own group all day. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to maintain social distancing; desks, tables, chairs and designated squares on carpets display children's names. Nap mats (preschool) will have children's names, will be placed further apart (head to toe) during naptime and sanitized daily.

OUTDOOR RECESS

Each class will have outdoor time during recess of 30 - 45 minutes each. Children will be closely monitored by staff so play groups adhere to social distancing rules. Play structures will be disinfected after each group uses the play ground.

PICK UP PROCEDURE

School is over at 3:00 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier as we will not release children before 3:00 p.m.

Use the **same entrance for pick up** after school as you did in the a.m.

Adults must stay on social distancing spots & await turn before walking up to gate. **Adults must wear masks at all times.**

Staff member at gate will use Walkie Talkies to gather & send children out to meet parents.

If there is no staff member on duty Preschool & TK parents must buzz the office.

Please make sure to notify the office if anyone, other than those on the Emergency Pick up form, arrive to pick up your child. They must have an ID with them.

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE ! SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

We ask that all our students be in school by 9:00 a.m. the latest. Our school program is jam packed with activities that have been scheduled to start on time. Please make sure that children are in school and inside their classrooms by 9:00 a.m., set & ready to begin the day. Thank You!

DAY CARE HOURS

To limit time on campus, daycare hours will remain the same the first semester; **Start time is 7:00 a.m. and closing time 5:00 p.m. daily.** Please do not be late as the late fee is \$1.00 per minute past 5:00 p.m., payable to the teacher who stays with the children until pick up.

HAND WASHING

Children will wash their hands as soon as they enter school every morning. They will have supervised hand washing before and after meals, before and after recess & at regular intervals throughout the school day. Hand washing for 20 seconds will be done while singing the ABC song (preschool), children will use a napkin to shut off faucet.

HAND SANITIZER STATIONS

Numerous stations have been installed all around the school; classroom entrances, hallways and under patios. Children will use hand sanitizer whenever they pass these stations, supervised by the staff.

RESTROOMS

Children are taken to and supervised in the restrooms at regular intervals throughout the day. Toilet handles are sprayed with disinfectant after each use. Children will wash hands for at least 20 seconds after every restroom visit.

DISINFECTING SCHOOL/CLASSROOMS

We have always used a professional janitorial company to clean and sanitize our school on a daily basis. They will continue to do so with an emphasis on disinfecting all high touch common areas such as door knobs, light switches gates etc on a daily basis. Staff is in charge of disinfecting tables, chairs, mats, toy bins, materials & other high touch areas in their own classrooms, throughout and at the end of each day.

VISITORS NOT ALLOWED

No one other than Oneonta staff & service personnel will be allowed on campus. We will sign children in and out of school ourselves. We haven't started giving any campus tours to new families as yet. We ask that everyone please refrain from gathering in the parking lot or on the street in groups so as to adhere to social distancing guidelines; thank you for your cooperation!

SAFETY FIRST - STAY AT HOME POLICY

We are glad that the metrics used by the LACDPH allowed for fewer restrictions beginning June 15th. However, our students are not vaccinated and we must do everything to protect them. We must not let our guard down and ask that parents be vigilant and notify us immediately if any student, or any of their family members, develops symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19. It is imperative we follow CDC guidelines about what must then take place. The student, any siblings, and possibly their classmates, will then stay home for a period of 10 days of self quarantine. They may only return to Campus when they have completed the 10 day quarantine period. Please understand the broad implications of the situation and inform us immediately so we can take the necessary steps at school to ensure the safety of our student body and Oneonta staff. Thank You for your utmost co-operation!

STRONGER TOGETHER- LET'S DO OUR PART

We all want the best for our children! We all want children to be around their peers in a traditional school setting. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, must still depend on experts in the medical and science communities to give us valuable information for the safety of all. We must continue to prepare and plan to the best of our abilities. Since even the world's best Medical doctors and Scientists around the world cannot predict the future of COVID-19 virus with all its variants, their expertise matters & one fact remains very clear; masking works, so let's all continue to do our part. We are now entering a path to normalcy but also understand that this carefully crafted plan is subject to change at a moment's notice; rest assured that if LACDPH mandates that schools must close once again, we'll be ready to transition all our students to online without hesitation.

We cannot predict how the school year will play out, but we want to assure all our Oneonta families that we are committed and prepared to engage, nurture and inspire our students whether they are in our classrooms or at home in your living rooms. Thank you for your trust in us; we are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey!

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