

INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. Recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may include, among other symptoms, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, those at higher risk for severe illness or death are people who are 65 years or older or people of any age with underlying medical conditions (such as chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney or liver disease, or those who are immunocompromised).

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) currently advises that individuals stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others; wear a cloth face covering in public settings that covers the nose and mouth; clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces; and wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. **Additional information about COVID-19 is available on the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.**

Although the Hudson Country Montessori School (School) has put protocols and preventative measures in place, it remains possible for a student attending Hudson Country Montessori School to become infected with COVID-19 or to infect others, even if a student is asymptomatic. Students living in households with individuals who are 65 years of age and older and/or have higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (such as people with underlying medical conditions) are recommended to stay home.

INFORMED CONSENT

In signing below, I _____ (Parent/Guardian Name), parent/guardian of _____ (Student), attest that I have read the Information About COVID-19 and understand that COVID-19 is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. I further understand that there is no current vaccine for COVID-19 and that its highly contagious nature means that contact with others, or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus, can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for a period of time, or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes "hidden" nature, I understand that it is currently very difficult

to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may have been exposed to the disease.

I further understand that Hudson Country Montessori School is closely monitoring this situation and has put in place reasonable preventative measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. I recognize that the health and safety risks posed by COVID-19 cannot be completely eliminated, despite the implementation of reasonable and age-appropriate precautions and protocols. I also understand and acknowledge that given the unknown nature of COVID-19, it is not possible to fully list each and every individual risk of contracting COVID-19 and that neither Hudson Country Montessori School nor public health officials can guarantee that any student participating in on-campus programming at the School will not come into contact with someone with COVID-19 and/or contract such illness.

By enrolling my child in Hudson Country Montessori School and/or by allowing my child to participate in on-campus programming at the School, I expressly acknowledge the risks associated with COVID-19 and agree to abide by such reasonable health and safety protocols that the School may implement during the 2020-2021 school year, which may include such measures as requiring students and parents to wear masks, engage in social distancing and regular handwashing, avoid the sharing of belongings and participate in screenings, testing and other measures reasonably designed to protect the health and safety of the School community. I understand that this is a shared responsibility and that every member of the School community must do their part to minimize risks.

Finally, I attest that I have carefully read and reviewed the CDC's website regarding COVID-19 and its risks, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>, and agree to continue to review such information to obtain the most current, up-to-date information possible. I have also carefully read and reviewed my State's guidance regarding COVID-19, available at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus> or <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>, and agree to continue to review such information to obtain the most current, up-to-date information possible.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSENT TO MY CHILD ATTENDING HUDSON COUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Name