

Reopening Update

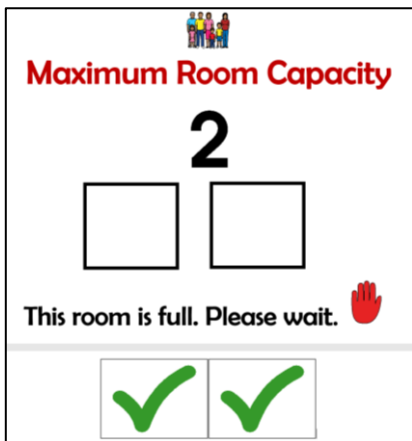
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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and with power! I just wanted to take a moment and update everyone on happenings at Meliora. We have been busily working on our building with the floors complete and the painter finishing up this week.



Once the painting is complete we will begin setting up our classroom spaces ensuring max capacities are enforced so that social distancing can be maintained.




To support all of our students and staff we have multiple forms of PPE available. While masks are not mandatory for our students, many of you have requested we work on the skill which we have been doing on distance learning and will continue when we return to school. Sample PPE which your child will see on staff can be found below:



As of this time, we are excited to say we are still planning to open full time with reduced staffing to support social distancing. What this means is that all related services (PT, OT, Speech) will be done virtually with ABA Instructors supporting the sessions. Please know, this was a very difficult decision but it is for the safety of all students and staff. This plan will be re-evaluated every two weeks and is not in any way long term. It is merely a "bridge" to get us back safely. Students will receive all mandated services whether they are in the building or at home as some of you have chosen to remain virtual while we transition. In order to maintain distancing and follow CDC guidelines, students may be set up in new rooms and shifts in teacher assignments have been made in a few cases. You will be notified next week of any changes for

your student! Additionally, we are wishing our BCBA's Larissa and Trish well as they move on with their careers. I know they will be in touch if they haven't already. Trish will be finishing on August 14th while Larissa has kindly agreed to remain with us part time to support student's return to the building through the end of September. We are sad to see them go but know we will return fully staffed.

With regard to health protocols, you will receive the self-assessment which must be sent to school completed each morning. We will be following all CDC guidelines and health recommendations thus any child who is assessed to become ill during the day will be quarantined and must be picked up within an hour. You will be given information about health monitoring upon pick up.



Daily Self-Assessment Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please check any symptoms evident in your child prior to sending your child to school

- cough
- fever greater than 100
- chills
- shortness of breath
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion
- GI symptoms-nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Please note any other symptoms or health information you would like to share: _____

Please, for the safety of all of our staff and students we implore you be fully transparent about any contact with persons who have been diagnosed or even quarantining due to COVID-19 symptoms. We simply cannot risk anyone becoming ill. We appreciate your diligence in reporting any exposure or illness to Lynne Guilmette, Chief Administrator bpfdct@aol.com as well as the school nurse nurse@melioraacademy.net.

Additionally, our ISIS alert system has been set up to send email and text notification about changes to our school status. We will send a test alert sometime prior to opening to be sure everyone receives it.

Finally, I had sent a survey weeks ago regarding your child attending school. If you would each please email me your intentions regarding returning to school given you've had time to review our guidelines and plan. You can opt to remain virtual or follow the full in-person model which we hope remains our plan. Please be aware that our plan could change at any time so please have a backup plan for every scenario. Stay safe and well!

Best Regards,

Lynne