

Gore Range Montessori COVID 19 Protocols

In our continued efforts to keep everyone healthy and slow the spread of COVID-19, Gore Range Montessori implemented the following protocols to protect the children, families and providers at school:

- Staff greet parents and children outside at the gate. We ask that parents pre-screen and monitor for illness before morning drop-off by checking temperatures, and screening for respiratory illnesses to ensure a healthy environment within our facility.
- Parents wear a protective face covering at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, as well as staff members. Children are not required to wear face protection at this time.
- Staff asks that you grant permission for them to sign your child in and out each day
- Only staff and children enter the facility to avoid unnecessary exposure to germs from parents who may run errands throughout the week.
- To maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another, we have placed yellow tape at six foot increments on the sidewalk along the side of our building for social distancing at drop off.
- Everyone is reminded to sneeze or cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one's elbow.
- No one shakes hands or engages in any unnecessary physical contact.
- Children and staff should not come to school if sick. Please refer to the "Can I Go To School Today?" and the "COVID Isolation and Quarantine Protocols" guidelines posted on our website.
- Door knobs, bathrooms, tables, chairs and classroom materials are being disinfected frequently throughout the day.
- Staff have taught children proper handwashing techniques while singing the ABC's song.
- Only staff members fold laundry, set up for lunch and help children with dishes needed for their individual snacks/lunches brought from home.
- Children are offered drinks of water provided by staff throughout their day.
- All classroom water transfer/pouring materials have been removed from the shelves.
- Children and staff are spending more time outside enjoying nature.
- Children should bring their own individual snack each day.

These protocols are pursuant to Eagle County Department of Public Health & Environment guidelines, standing Public Health Order Related to Social Distancing, Gathering, and Business Operations in conjunction with our weekly teleconsult visits with Bethany Van Wyk, our child care health consultant and weekly teleconference visits with Sandy Jennings, our CDHS Licensing Specialist.