

**COVID-19 Home Visiting Protocol**

* Refer to and share with families ***What NMCAA Child and Development Programs are doing to Keep your Family Safe.***
* Refer to ***Covid-19 Questions and Answers for Staff***
* As noted in the NMCAA Covid 19 Preparedness and Response Plan, staff will complete their Employee Daily Health Screen Survey Monkey PRIOR to entering any NMCAA workplace. Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W66W7KN>
* As noted in the NMCAA Covid 19 Preparedness and Response Plan, staff will complete the Covid-19 Consultants/Vendor Health Assessment Survey Monkey with family members prior to the visit; if you cannot contact the family, it will be completed prior to entering the home. Staff will fill out the Survey Monkey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9JFTVF>
* Home visits will be documented in your Outlook calendar.
* Home visitors will only bring what will be left at the home.
  + Pens will be provided to leave in the home, ask that they keep it for future visits, but always have some on hand.
* Parents/guardians will be asked that minimal people attend the home visit with the child/ren at the home visit.
* Up to three home visits may occur in a day, ensuring that all COVID-19 protocols are being followed, completing the visit outdoors whenever possible.
* All individuals 2 years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask:
  + indoors when Head Start services are provided
  + on all buses
  + outdoors (for those who are not fully vaccinated).
* Mask exceptions include:
  + children and adults when they are eating or drinking
  + children when they are napping
  + individuals who cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act
  + when a child’s health care provider advises an alternative face covering to accommodate the child’s special health care needs. Programs will have masks available.

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**2021-2022 COVID FAQs**

* Are we still taking temperatures of children at arrival?  YES
* Do parents/guardians have to complete the health survey when dropping off and picking up their child?  NO
* Do essential volunteers need to complete the health survey?  YES
* Can parents volunteer in the classroom?  YES
* Can we have non-essential volunteers in the classroom?  NO
* Do parents have to wear masks?  YES
* What if our classroom is located in a public school, which rules do staff, parents, and children need to follow?  Follow the most stringent rules.
* Can we continue to do drop-off and pick-up outside/curbside?  YES
* Will we do toothbrushing this year?  YES, staff must wear a mask and gloves during this task.  The sink must be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
* Will we serve family style meals?  YES, as long as this option is available through the public school or caterer.
* Do parents need to be socially distanced on site for orientations, parent meetings, family engagements or workshops?  YES, but outside events are encouraged.
* Do Teachers need to do a parent health checklist prior to home visits? YES
* If an individual has a medical waiver, do they have to wear a mask or face shield?  NO
* Do parents have to complete a health survey to attend our parent meetings, family engagements and workshops?  YES
* Are virtual parent meetings, family engagements and workshops encouraged?  YES
* Can we have sensory tables open in the classroom?  YES
* Can we do virtual home visits?  YES-home visits may be done virtually, if necessary, until the end of December. After January 1, Parent Teacher home visits must be done in person.
* Do we have to split the classroom in half with the same children on either side?  NO
* Can we still use the disinfecting machines that were purchased last school year?  YES
* Should we continue to order PPE as needed?  YES
* Are masks required for students on the bus?  YES
* Will this be updated as new questions arise?  YES