



2020 – 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**COVID-19 AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Welcome back! It will be a challenge day-to-day, but we are excited to have Maplewood Enrichment Center (“Maplewood”) open again for our students.

During these unprecedented times, Maplewood has implemented precautions and procedures to help minimize the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Safety actions include promoting healthy hygiene practices, screening of staff and students utilizing a pre-screening health form and asking about symptoms consistent with COVID-19, intensifying cleaning and disinfection, wearing of face masks, and ensuring physical distancing between students.

Staff will train students on behaviors to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including, hand washing, physical distancing, face mask policy, coughing etiquette.

The undersigned, desires their child \_\_\_\_\_ (full legal name - printed) to engage in all available activities/programs at Maplewood and represents their understanding of the following guidelines:

- If your child is sick, they cannot participate in Maplewood’s activities/programs.
- If during pre-screening we find that your child is not well, they will not be allowed to enter Maplewood’s facilities.
- If, while on Maplewood’s premises, we find that your child is not well, we will isolate him/her and the office will call the appointed parent or guardian, to immediately (within 45 minutes) pick them up.
- If your child shows signs of COVID-19 or has come into contact with someone who has tested positive, you must notify us immediately before they can come to Maplewood.
- If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 they cannot return to Maplewood until they have been fever-free for 3 days (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) **and** at least ten days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.
- If your child has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to Maplewood before completing the above self-isolation period, you must obtain a medical professional’s note clearing your child for return based on two negative nucleic acid COVID-19 test and an alternative diagnosis.
- When 6 feet of physical distancing is not possible, face mask use requirements for children are as follows: Children age 7 and older must wear a face mask; Children age 2.9-6 who can safely and appropriately wear, remove, and handle face masks will be encouraged to wear face masks.

- Due to the applicable regulations, there can be no parental visits until further notice.
- Due to the applicable regulations in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the number of individuals in our facility will be limited to allow for sufficient physical distancing.

**1. Assumption of Risk.**

While Maplewood will be functioning pursuant to standards that meet or exceed OSHA and CDC guidelines for sanitizing, distancing, and monitoring, there is clearly no way that this organization can offer any guarantees that students or staff members would not contract COVID-19 or, for that matter, any other illness. The decision to participate in activities/programs at Maplewood is an individual one and we can only provide our pledge to take all appropriate precautions. The undersigned understands that their child's participation in activities/programs at Maplewood may expose him/her to the risk of illness and/or cause him/her to acquire COVID-19 and/or transmit to others.

**2. Medical Release.**

- a. I understand that my child may have his/her temperature monitored upon arrival at Maplewood each day with a non-contact or forehead contact thermometer and I authorize that practice. **Per this release, I am providing written permission for the above-named individual to use hand sanitizer while at Maplewood.** I also understand and agree to make arrangements to pick up my child from Maplewood within 45 minutes of notification if he/she is running a fever or exhibiting symptoms that Maplewood's office personnel believes are indicative of COVID-19 or other contagious illness. I authorize Maplewood to provide or cause to be provided any medical treatment that may be necessary or appropriate.
- b. I understand that Maplewood requires that I disclose in an attestation on each usual day my child would be coming to Maplewood, any symptoms that he/she or a household member has had on the respective date or in the prior 24 hours, including fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, gastrointestinal symptoms, fatigue, headache, new loss of smell/taste, new muscle aches, runny nose or congestion, and anything out of the ordinary that is a possible symptom of COVID-19 or if you have given your child medicine to lower a fever. Also, I understand that I am required to disclose if my child or any household member(s) had any contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the last 24 hours.
- c. I understand that anyone with a fever of 100.00 degrees F or above or suffering from other new or unexpected symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or those who have had close contact with a COVID-19 individual may not be permitted into the program space. I understand that if I decline to complete the screening or attestation or have my child's temperature checked, he/she will not be permitted to enter Maplewood's facilities and/or participate in any activities/programs.

**3. Contact with COVID-19 as it Relates to Tuition**

I understand that if my child or a staff member in my child's pod comes into contact with someone who is diagnosed with COVID-19, and the entire pod requires a two-week quarantine, Maplewood will not refund tuition for that period but will carry tuition forward. I understand that the same

applies if my child cannot participate in activities/programs at Maplewood due to a diagnosis of COVID-19.

**4. Waiver and Release of Liability**

I hereby waive, release, and discharge Maplewood Enrichment Center and its owners, officers, directors, teachers, agents, and other employees from any and all claims for damages and/or liability related my child's body, health, well-being or property or for any other loss, claim or damage without limitation.

**5. Miscellaneous.**

**I understand and acknowledge that Maplewood Enrichment Center is subject to continuing and changing regulations from the Board of Health, EEC, the CDC, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a result, I realize that additional or modified requirements regarding the attendance of those being served may be implemented.**

I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is binding and that this Agreement is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I further agree that this Agreement is severable and that if any clause is found invalid, the balance of the Agreement will remain in effect, valid and enforceable.

**The undersigned hereby verifies that he/she has read this Agreement and agrees to be bound by its terms.**

Parent/Legal Guardian:

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(Signature)

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(Name Printed)

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(Date)