

Dear Parents,

Good evening! Welcome to week number eight of the 2020 – 2021 school year! Please find your weekly campus update, including community and COVID-19 policy reminders, below:

PHONE NUMBERS & SUPPORT

- **Main Office / Front Desk:** (480) 496-9833
 - Please use the Main Office / Front Desk number, if you need to speak directly with a live attendant.
- **Attendance Line:** (480) 893-6516
 - **Please use the attendance line for all attendance-related communications including early pick-up, illness, and planned vacations.**
 - This number is a dedicated voicemail line, so it's accessible to you 24/7.
 - If you are calling to notify of an early pick-up, please also be sure text your classroom curb number five minutes prior to your arrival to campus. This provides the classroom staff advanced notice to prepare your child for safe departure.
- **Classroom Curb Text Number:** Located in Transparent Classroom (varies per classroom)
- **Email:** support@desertgardenmontessori.org

CLASSROOMS 3, 4, 5, 6 (INFANT – TODDLER) UPDATE

Classrooms 3 – 6 are now one classroom family for DGM Staff. *What does this mean?*

- **Staff**
 - DGM Staff in Classrooms 3 – 6 can cross-support within each other's classrooms and environments as needed
 - DGM Staff in Classrooms 3 – 6 will continue to wear masks in all common areas such as the Primary playground, sensory playground, curb, outdoor walkways, etc.
- **Children**
 - Children in Classrooms 3 and 4 will continue to comingle (no change made)
 - Children in Classrooms 5 and 6 will continue to **not** comingle (no change made)
- In the instance of a COVID-19 positive case within on-site members of Classrooms 3 – 6, all members of Classrooms 3 – 6 (staff and students), would enter 14-day home quarantine

DGM SICK POLICY (NON-COVID-19 ILLNESSES)

We have reduced the **non-COVID-19** DGM Sick Policy from 72 hours to 48 hours. NOTE: This is still beyond the CDC recommended guidelines. In the instance of a **non-COVID-19** illness, a child may return to school, if all of the following conditions are met:

- Medication **and** symptom-free for 48 hours
- Doctor-provided note detailing the student may return to school

In health,



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