

Fall 2022
(as of Aug 25)

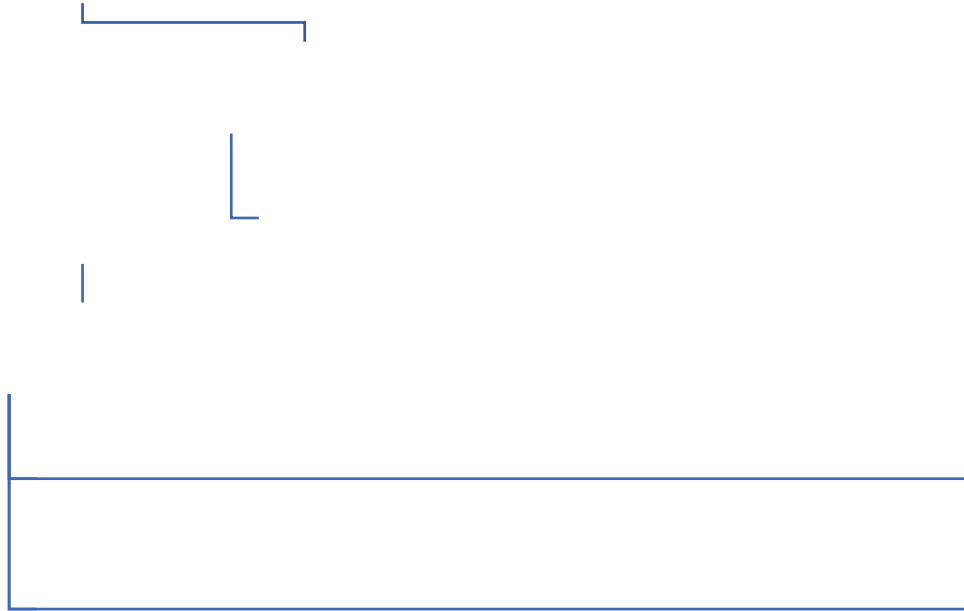
We are so looking forward to having your children with us at Thorne! Below are some updates to our COVID mitigation strategies. Public guidance has shifted and responsibility for disease prevention is being tied more closely to personal decision making

All Thorne buildings have high quality, updated ventilation systems that are monitored on a regular basis by BMC/HC college Facilities Departments. Each classroom has an additional HEPA filter which runs all day. When possible, windows will be open to bring in fresh air.

Play is the cornerstone of our philosophy, and we will encourage children to engage, talk and interact with each other. We will not be distancing the children unless there are risk factors that warrant keeping children distanced (ie: COVID cases in the class). The preschool classes (Older and Younger Class) will be interacting on the playground, at lunch and for the afternoon program. There will be some overlap with LEPP and the Preschool. LEPP classes will not mix as children attend on different days. There is only one class for Kindergarten.

Children should only come to school when healthy. Before coming to school, we ask that parents screen their children to

If your child is exposed to COVID from a classmate, household member, or out in the community, please let us know about the exposure and adhere to the following guidelines:



Parents will be informed if there is a positive COVID case in their child's classroom. Our goal is to continue in person whenever possible. Class closures will be considered if there is an outbreak (multiple cases) or if there are a substantial number of staff members out. Please help us avoid such circumstances by keeping your children home when sick and enforcing masking if your child is exposed.

Please let the school know ASAP.
Isolate for 5 days.
<u>For children who are reliable at wearing a mask:</u> If child is symptom free <u>and</u> tests negative on day 5 and 7, they may return to school on day 8. Child must wear a mask at all times through day 10.
<u>For children who are unreliable at wearing a mask:</u> Child must stay out of school until day 10 and may return to school with a negative test on day 11.

*Individuals should mask indoors and outdoors when exposed or coming back from being positive.

*Consult Amanda, Bev or Marcia about whether your child is a reliable or unreliable masker before your child returns to school.

If there are multiple cases in a household, the exposure timeline starts again after each positive case. Please reach out to Amanda to talk through scenarios.

We have in place a distance learning plan with the Seesaw educational platform and will be ready to implement it at any time during the school year if necessary. Online learning will only be used if full classes are out, not for individual absences.

We are all members of the Thorne community and we ask families and staff to do their part to ensure our collective well being. Please do your best to keep our community healthy and safe. If there are circumstances in which safe practices cannot be implemented, we hope that parents will respond with caution and keep their children home. We appreciate your partnership!