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Our Mission

Next Door supports the intellectual, physical and emotional development of children by partnering with their families for success in school and the community.



Next Door is offering several learning options for families:

On-site Center-Based

Early childhood education, five days a week, two locations

Virtual

Online learning available for families who choose not to utilize the onsite option

Home-based Visitation

Virtual family-based education

Child Care Partnership

Each site will determine their program plans





While a virtual option is available for those who need it, we believe that much of our work must take place onsite in our classrooms.

We believe this is important:

- To best help children meet their physical, academic and social emotional milestones.
- To fulfill the need of our families utilizing Next Door as child care while they work. We are a licensed child care facility in the State of Wisconsin, and have had permission to be open throughout the pandemic with guidance around safety and capacity.
- To address educational equity and best prepare our children for success in school.



To plan a safe and effective reopening of classrooms at Next Door, we organized six Reopening Phase III Work Groups. Next Door directors led these Work Groups with team members from throughout the organization. These Work Groups will continue to meet and evaluate our operations and needs throughout Phase III.

Our guiding principles:

- Maintain and support staff to the extent possible and practicable
- Ensure safety and wellness of children and staff
- Focus on responsive, high quality learning experiences to prepare children for success in school
- Ensure that children and families' needs are met
- Innovate and be flexible
- Be careful stewards of our funding sources



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Learning Options

Next Door offers early childhood education for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years old for qualifying families.

• Next Door offers all On-site and Virtual families:

- · Programming five days a week
- · Highly qualified teachers
- · Language, math, science, art curriculum
- Behavioral support services
- · Special education services
- Books to build your home library
- Diapers, wipes and formula (infants, toddlers)
- Virtual field trips (preschool, 4K, 5K)
- Family Advocate who provides extensive support services

On-site additional features:

- · Small class sizes
- Medical and dental screenings onsite
- · Breakfast, lunch and snack
- Onsite indoor and outdoor playgrounds, library, and art studio
- · Before- and after-care available

Virtual additional features:

- · Daily interaction with teachers
- Medical and dental support
- Tools, technology and training provided to parents
- Early Head Start through K4 Learning Platform: Teaching Strategies Gold CLOUD, which is tied to Creative Curriculum used on-site.
- · K5 Learning Platform: Seesaw



• Child Care Partnership Sites

- 11 Child Care Partnership sites around Milwaukee
- · Program options, hours and availability varies by site
- Books to build your home library

Home-based Family Education

- · Prenatal and early childhood education
- Programming in English, Spanish, Hmong, Burmese and Karen
- · Weekly virtual 90-minute visits
- · Support with family goals and building parent-child bonds
- Guidance to engage children in learning and meeting developmental milestones
- Education around parenting, safe sleep, breastfeeding, infant massage
- · Medical and dental support
- · Support for children with special needs
- · Books to build a home library
- Access to community resources









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Whether you are at Next Door or in your home, there is no way to completely eliminate risk. Next Door is doing its best to minimize the risks and ensure a safe environment.

Minimizing the risk requires each one of us to take accountability for our own safety and that of our colleagues. We do this by washing our hands frequently, wearing a mask properly, maintaining social distancing, limiting the people we interact with, and ensuring that our work area is cleaned and disinfected regularly. We also can minimize risk by doing these same things in our homes.

If we receive notification that someone is diagnosed with COVID-19, our first call will be to the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Together, we will develop a plan that includes immediately notifying staff and families, closing the program as needed, disinfecting the buildings and then reopening when it is safe.

Next Door's efforts to ensure a SAFE environment include:

Limiting Visitors

- Limiting the number of people in the building
- Limiting deliveries to official Next Door business
- Designated, separate staff and family entrances
- Parent drop-off / pick-up outside the building
- Limit of two parent/guardians designated for drop-off / pick-up

Health Screening

- Staff self-declaration of health status
- Daily staff COVID-19 exposure questions for all individuals entering the building
- Temperature kiosks for all individuals entering the building
- Onsite health services team to address children with symptoms

Preventing Spread

- Mask-wearing required for all adults
- Mask-wearing encouraged for all students ages 3 and above
- Proper hand washing instructions posted
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing procedures
- Hands-free sanitizer stations
- Touchless water bottle filling



Modified Class Procedures

- Restricting access to only designated rooms / areas
- Signage designating rooms / areas closed
- Updated classroom practices to help social distancing
- Individually prepared meals and snacks
- Nap cots place 6" apart
- Playground schedules, with regular disinfecting
- No intermingling of classrooms



Key Dates

2020 Calendar	
8/17	Summer Break for full year teaching and nutrition staff
8/17 - 8/21	Pre-service for part-year teaching staff (No student attendance)
8/24	All Staff Meeting (virtual)
8/24-8/28	Pre-service for all program staff (No student attendance)
8/31	First Day for some K4 and K5 students (classroom start dates will be rolling throughout October)
9/2	First Day for EHS and Head Start 3-Year-Old Students (classroom start dates will be rolling throughout October)
12/23	Winter Break begins (No student or staff attendance)

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Family Needs

In June 2020 Next Door surveyed all parents / guardians of children enrolled in Next Door programming. This included questions about their overall experiences at Next Door, their experiences with the COVID-19 virtual learning transition, and their preferences for future programming. Here are some highlights:

Overall Experience

- 100% of families see Next Door as a trusted source of information.
- 98% of families see that they are an equal partner in their child's education.
- 98% of families feel that communicating with their child's teacher, family advocate and parent educator is open and easy.

Spring Virtual Learning

- 98% of families feel confident in their ability to support their child's learning at home.
- 90% of families feel that the teacher / parent educator communication was helpful in their child's learning.
- 93% of families feel that their family advocate / parent educator was supportive in providing resources for their family.

Future Programming Needs

- 74% of families want a summary of what their child needs to learn to be on track for the next grade level.
- 43% of families want instructions on the technology, tips about virtual learning, or guidance on prioritizing daily assignments.
- 59% of families indicated interest in onsite learning with safety measures in place.





Next Door's Campuses

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