

Fall 2020

Statement on Covid-19

In response to the spread of Covid-19, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises continues to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Beginning on September 8, in accordance with guidelines established by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises resumed providing on-site community day services to a limited number of individuals. In order to reopen in the safest manner possible, we began by serving just nine individuals. That number has since grown to 27. We will continue to slowly expand the number of individuals we serve on-site until we reach the state-mandated maximum of 50 individuals.

In addition, on September 14, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises began providing off-site services at the residences of 64 additional individuals. The number will increase to 80 in November.

By limiting the number of individuals on-site, and by reaching out to serve people at their residential homes, we hope to do our part in limiting the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

We ask that all of our readers help us in this effort by continuing to practice social distancing, and by following other guidance as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and our local health department.

Together, we can make a difference!

Throughout these challenging times, we will continue to look for ways to deliver needed programs and services to persons with disabilities in our community in the safest and most responsible manner possible.

We are all in this together!

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Our Mission

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises encourages and assists people with disabilities, and those who touch their lives, by promoting informed choice and creating opportunities which foster independent community living, work and play.





After several months of staying at home, consumers were happy to get back to Malcolm Eaton Enterprises so they could resume participating in paid work training opportunities.

New Rules and Procedures Greet Eager Consumers during Reopening

After spending the last several months at home, many individuals were excited to return to MEE this September.

It was a chance to not only return to their normal routine, but also an opportunity to see some friendly faces (even if those faces were masked).

Prior to their return, MEE carefully drafted new guidelines and procedures so that everyone's return would be as safe as possible.

Here are a handful of the changes that awaited service recipients upon their return to MEE.

Transportation

Each person attending MEE now has their temperature screened prior to boarding their bus. Once on the bus, each person has an assigned seat. Our seating chart uses only alternating seats and rows, providing each rider with a safer distance between themselves and other riders.

When exiting the bus, each rider leaves one at a time to have their temperature checked a second time before entering MEE.

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Our Motto



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New Rules and Procedures

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Color-coded groups

People riding on the same bus are placed into color-coded groups.

These groups report to their own designated areas of the building, with their own assigned groups of staff. Each group has a set of color-coded arrows taped to the floor that guide them to and from their assigned area.

By staying in assigned areas, and following the color-coded paths, each group limits their possible exposure to other groups. This precaution was put in place to limit any possible spread of Covid-19, and to make any future contact tracing fast and reliable.

Masks and social distancing

As you might expect, wearing masks is mandatory, as is social distancing. Each person has a designated seat that keeps them six feet away from others at all times.

Cleaning and sanitization

All people attending MEE are required to use hand sanitizer and wash their hands at scheduled intervals. In addition, a special CDC-approved cleaner is sprayed on surfaces as needed throughout each day. Vehicles are sanitized with the same cleaner after bus routes are completed in the morning and afternoon.

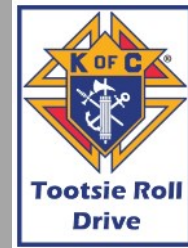


Everyone who has returned to MEE has done an exceptional job following the newly established safety guidelines. Great job everyone!

Staff

MEE staff follow the same rules and guidelines referenced above. This includes having their temperature screened before entering the building, hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing.

We want to commend all of the individuals who have returned for doing an exceptional job adhering to these new guidelines. You have exceeded all expectations. Great job, everyone! Keep up the good work!



Safety Snapshots



Top: All vehicles and common areas are sanitized twice per day with a specialized misting sprayer. We use a safe, CDC approved, cleaning solution that has been shown to inactivate Covid-19 on contact.



Left: Wall mounted “no touch” thermometers are positioned at the entrances to our building. These thermometers scan each person’s forehead before entering.

Below: All staff coming into the building record their temperatures in log books twice per day. Pens are sanitized between uses.



Left: Color-coded arrows taped to the floor form a series of paths throughout the building. Each person attending MEE has been assigned to a color group (blue, red, yellow, etc.) with their own designated areas, walkways, and staff. By dividing everyone into groups, it reduces the likelihood of intra-group transmission.

Partners





Malcolm Eaton Enterprises recently purchased this 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan with funds from the Don Morse Golf Invitational Committee.

Don Morse Golf Invitational Helps MEE Purchase New Dodge Caravan

Thanks to a generous donation by the Don Morse Golf Invitational Committee, MEE was able to purchase a 2019 Dodge Caravan. The Dodge Caravan will primarily be used at one of our new residential homes to transport individuals to and from day services, medical appointments, and educational and recreational outings in our community.

The Don Morse Golf Invitational has helped support services for adults with developmental disabilities in our community since the event began in 2012.



The new Dodge Caravan, pictured above, will allow us to transport consumers safely and comfortably.



Halloween Treasure Hunt

With the continued spread of Covid-19, we are always looking for new and creative ways to help people in our residential program access community resources safely.

This year, instead of Trick or Treating, we set up a Halloween Treasure Hunt in Krape Park.

Each residential house formed its own treasure hunting team. They were provided with clues and riddles that led them from one treasure to the next.

Treasures were hidden at various landmarks along a planned one-mile path.

We want to thank you for your interest in Malcolm Eaton Enterprises.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Cook".

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