

# Temple Emek Shalom Shul School Covid Protocols

## Masking Requirements

INDOORS: All people mask at all times regardless of vaccine status.

OUTDOORS: All people mask at all times, except when eating or drinking and 6 feet distance is maintained. (Supervising adults will make sure that six feet of distance is maintained if students are unmasked and will let the students know when they can unmask.)

## Safety practices for the school

### **Pick up/Drop off**

- Masks should be put on as soon as students and caregivers arrive at TES property.
- Masks should be worn by all individuals at pick up until students get in their car or leave the property.
- We will gather in the backyard of the TES for morning welcome and transition to classes.
- Caregivers please escort your children around either side of the building and join us for our morning welcome circle.
- Caregivers are welcome to remain in the backyard during school hours.
- At the end of the day, caregivers please pick up your children in the backyard.

### **Physical spacing:**

- Indoors: Maintain 3 feet distance at all times to the extent possible (Classrooms and activities will be arranged with seating at least 3 ft apart to the extent possible).
- Maintain 6 feet during times when masks must be removed (at snack time).

### **Visitors:**

- Parents and family members are asked to remain outside of the building throughout Shul School. We will revisit this policy as County covid metrics improve.

### **Air flow, Cleaning & Disinfection:**

- COVID sanitation protocols will be followed.
- Hand sanitizer will be in every classroom and at the entrances of the building for use upon entering.
- Air purifiers will be in the classrooms.

- Windows will be open in classrooms, smoke permitting

### **Contact Tracing:**

- Classes will not co-mingle except when outdoors to limit contact between the classrooms
- Contact tracing will be done by:
  - Staff and madrichim sign-ins
  - Taking class attendance

### **If symptomatic**

**If your child has any of the symptoms below or if they have been exposed to a positive or suspected case of covid-19, please keep them home & notify us:**

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### **What to do if staff or your student is symptomatic?**

- Staff should stay home, **even if vaccinated**, Contact Rabbi Julie.
- Students should stay home, **even if vaccinated**. Parents should contact Bari Frimkess (bari.frimkess@gmail.com)

### **In the event of an exposure**

#### **What is the current definition of exposure to Covid-19?**

- CLOSE CONTACT: Within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for  $\geq 15$  cumulative minutes when a person is contagious. (Traced back 48 hours prior to symptom onset)
- EXCEPTION FOR STUDENTS WHEN FULLY MASKED: In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition *excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected*

*student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks.*

Fully masked and distanced students may not be required to quarantine.

- EXCEPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO STUDENTS EXPOSED TO AN ADULT WITH COVID: This exception does not apply to students who are **exposed to infected adults** in the indoor classroom setting, even if both parties are masked.
- EXCEPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EXPOSED ADULTS: **Adults who are exposed to infected children**, even if both parties are masked, are not exempt and may be quarantined.
- If there is any question about exposure, adults and students will be asked to quarantine, to consult with their health care professional, and to consider testing.

**What to expect if your child is exposed at school or a school event:**

- You will be notified by phone and/or email once we have a confirmed, positive case and determined that your child falls within the guidelines of exposure.
- You will be recommended to reach out to your physician and to consider testing.

**Notification:**

- Notification of exposure only happens once we receive confirmation of a positive test result.
- It is not unusual for a person to become symptomatic or be exposed and not be tested for a day or two due to limited testing availability. Test result times vary from 15 minutes to 3 days, depending on the type of testing done.

**Isolation/Quarantine if become symptomatic at school:** Symptomatic Staff or Students regardless of vaccination status will be removed from the school population as soon as symptoms are evident and sent to the designated isolation room or area for assessment. If a student has symptoms, we will call caregivers to come to get them.