

CHABAD  
HEBREW  
SCHOOL

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN





## DEAR PARENTS

**T**his plan is to highlight the COVID-19 safety procedure for Chabad Hebrew School. This plan is designed with the safety and well-being of all our students, staff and parents in mind, while complying with NYSDOH and NYSED guidelines for in-person instruction.

*We recognize that, through the implementation of coordinated efforts, we can greatly reduce, not eliminate, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our community. CHS strives to balance our mitigation policies with the known benefits of children experiencing in-person learning at school.*

## MITIGATION STRATEGIES

### Handwashing

Frequent and thorough handwashing is critical in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Mandatory hand washing will occur upon arrival at school, before and after any snack break, and after bathroom usage.

### Face coverings

Face coverings will be worn by all students and staff. Students will go outdoors, as a class, for a snack/mask break as needed.

### Cleaning and disinfecting

Cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted according to CDC guidelines. All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.

### **Limiting Building Access**

As virus spread is more likely between adults, we are restricting parent and visitor access to student learning spaces. We ask parents to arrange to transact all business with the school remotely.

### **Physical Distancing and Group Gatherings**

All staff and students will maintain a safe physical distance of six feet, as much as possible. Each class and teacher will have their own pod. There will be no mingling of groups.

### **Designated Classroom Materials**

School supplies will be designated and stored for each student throughout the year.

## **HEALTH SCREENINGS AND SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT**

- Student's temperature must be taken at home each morning.
- An online health questionnaire must be filled out prior to arrival at school. Questionnaire can be found on our website at [www.chabadofoceanside.com/health](http://www.chabadofoceanside.com/health)
- Student's temperature will be taken upon arrival at school - before entering the building.

## STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

*We appreciate everyone's patience as new health and safety protocols may extend the duration of drop-off and pick-up.*

- Drop-off and pick-up will take place at the front entrance to our building.
- Staff will be outside during drop-off and pick-up. If you come later for drop-off or earlier for pick-up, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will meet you at the door.
- Parents are to remain in the car at all times, as center prohibits the entry of parents into the building.

### Drop-off

- Student should remain in the car until a staff member gives the go-ahead that it's his/her turn to be admitted to school.
- Student's temperature will be taken at the door. Once cleared, student can enter the building and must go directly to his/her classroom.
- If a student has a fever or symptoms at drop-off, his/her sibling(s) will also be unable to attend Hebrew School that day.

### Pick-up

- Parents should drive up to the bus entrance and wait in the car. A staff member will call your child/children to come out.
- We will limit the number of students in the hallway at any given time. Please be patient as you may have to wait a few moments for your child to be permitted to exit the classroom.

# SICK POLICY

## COVID-Like Symptoms at School

If a student/staff member develops COVID-19-like symptoms at school (i.e. cough, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of taste/smell, diarrhea, headache, fatigue):

- Student/Staff is isolated and parent is called immediately with instructions for pick up and next steps (medical evaluation and testing).
- Families in the affected pod will be informed.

## Fever at Home

If a student/staff member has temperature of 100 degrees+ while at home, the school must be notified immediately. See below for details about returning to school.

## Returning to School

Anyone who is ill at any point during the week is assumed to have COVID and shall not be permitted to return to school until: They have been fever-free for 72 hours, without fever reducing medication.

AND

Their doctor has found an alternative cause for their symptoms and has determined that a COVID test is not needed or is able to provide a Negative COVID-19 antigen test result.

## Positive COVID-19 Test

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 shall not be permitted back in school until at least 10 days after the positive test result, and they are free of fever and other symptoms for 72 hours.

### COVID-19 Contact

Anyone who is in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 shall not be permitted back in school until:

- 14 days have passed since last exposure.
- They consult and receive clearance (with a valid medical note) from their doctor.

This person should check temperature twice daily and be observant for any onset of symptoms.

### Case of COVID-19 Within School

- If a student or staff member reports they are COVID-19 positive, we will maintain the confidentiality of the individual at all times.
- Case will be reported to the proper health authorities and all families and staff of the individual's class will be notified immediately.
- All facilities that the individual came in contact with will be deep cleaned and disinfected as per CDC guidelines.
- All students and staff members within that pod, as well as any sibling of the student diagnosed positive, will be required to quarantine for 14 days.
- CDC guidelines for handling exposure and mitigating risk of exposure will be strictly followed.
- Contact tracing will be carried out in conjunction with the local health department.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

We will be following the Oceanside school district for school closings. If school will be closed, our in-person classes will transfer to an online platform, with supplies and materials provided for at-home learning.

We all have a responsibility to one another and keeping each other safe. We all have a role in the fight against COVID-19. Our actions outside of school can affect not only our own family's safety, but also the safety of every member of the CHS community. We therefore ask parents and children to make responsible choices outside of school:

- Practice social distancing
- Conduct daily personal health checks
- Wear a face covering and wash hands often
- Sanitize surfaces and equipment, in cars as well
- When ill, stay home and seek medical attention
- When asked, participate in contact-tracing and exposure-notification programs
- Adhere to orders and directives from national, state, and local health officials

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