

# Beth El Preschool COVID Safety Protocols 2022-2023

These mitigation strategies and protocols may be revisited throughout the year and will be amended or changed as needed, given community metrics and evolving guidance.

## VACCINATION

All children enrolled at BEPS must be fully vaccinated (all doses in the protocol + 2 weeks) no later than December 15, 2022. A copy of your child's vaccination card must be provided to BEPS on or before this date.



All staff, as well as co-ops and caretakers entering the building, must be fully vaccinated. A copy of each person's vaccination card must be on file with the BEPS office.

## STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

If your child has two or more of the following COVID symptoms, they will need to stay home from school. They will need two negative rapid tests, taken on two consecutive days, in order to return to school:

- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)
- Fatigue
- Fever ( $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or chills
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat



## HANDWASHING & HYGIENE

- Children will clean their hands upon entering the classroom, before/after eating, and before/after outdoor play.
- We will use a combination of hand washing, hand sanitizer and hand wipes.
- Teachers will promote healthy hygiene habits for hand washing after sneezing, coughing, nose picking, etc.



## IMPROVED VENTILATION SYSTEM

The ventilation and air flow system is high quality and meets all standards.

As an extra precautionary measure, each classroom and preschool space has an Air Purifier with true HEPA, PlasmaWave and AOC Carbon Filter.

## CLEANING & SANITATION

- High touch surfaces will be cleaned by building maintenance daily.
- Teachers will wipe down tables and counters before eating and at the end of the school day.
- Teachers will wear gloves when changing diapers.
- Teachers will wash hands prior to handling food.
- Classrooms and bathrooms will be cleaned daily by building maintenance staff.



## SOCIAL DISTANCING

Children and staff will sit a minimum of 3 feet apart during snack and lunch time.



## SURVEILLANCE TESTING

We will not conduct regular surveillance, but may ask staff and children to test at certain times, such as after a holiday or school break.



## MASKING

Masking is optional when the Community Level is Low or Medium. Masking will likely be mandatory if the Community Level is High.



If someone is a close contact or tests positive for COVID, masking is a mandatory part of the protocol.

## PROTOCOL FOR CLOSE CONTACTS

(for both in-school and out-of-school exposures)

All close contacts must follow these protocols:

- They must wear a well-fitting mask\*\* indoors and outdoors at Beth El through Day 10\*.
- They must take two rapid antigen tests on Days 5\* and 6\* or a PCR test on Day 6\*.
- They do not need to quarantine.



\*Day 0 is the last day of close contact with the COVID positive person. The next day is Day 1.

\*\*If a child is unable to successfully wear their mask at school during this COVID protocol, they will need to remain home through Day 10\*.

Close Contact = someone who is within 6 feet of a COVID + person, for 15+ minutes within a 24-hour period, within 48 hours of the positive test.

## PROTOCOL FOR POSITIVE CASES

Anyone who tests positive must follow these protocols:

- They must quarantine through Day 5\*.
- They may return to BEPS on Day 6\* if they are fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication and their symptoms have significantly improved.
- They must wear a well-fitting mask\*\* indoors and outdoors at Beth El Days 6-10\*.
- They will social distance when eating.



\*Day 0 is the day someone tests positive for COVID or the first day of symptoms. The next day is Day 1.

\*\*If a child is unable to successfully wear their mask at school during this COVID protocol, they will need to remain home through Day 10\*.

If a child younger than 2 years old tests positive for COVID, they must remain out of school through Day 10\*, as they are not able to follow masking protocols.