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Guidelines for Reopening the School

Monitoring

1. Adults or children who show any of the following symptoms may not come to school:

* Fever of 100.4 or above * Cough * Shortness of breath * Recent loss of taste and or smell * Vomiting and or diarrhea

* Generalized fatigue * Muscle aches * Contact with a Covid-19 positive case within the last 10 days. **PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. BY ALLOWING YOUR SON TO COME TO SCHOOL YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR SON HAS NONE OF THE SYMPTOMS LISTED ABOVE.**

2. A child who tests positive for Covid-19 will remain home for 10 days after the test result or onset of symptoms, and until fever has resolved for at least 24 hours without medication and other symptoms have improved, and the parents of the child's classmates will monitor their children for symptoms as described above.

3. A staff person who tests positive for Covid-19 will stay home at least 10 days after the test result or onset of symptoms, and until fever has resolved for at least 24 hours without medication and other symptoms have improved..

4. Parents and staff will be notified if a child or staff member in their son's class tests positive for Covid-19, and the positive test result will be reported to the Baltimore County Department of Health.

School

1. Parents are responsible to assure that their sons are brought to and from school in a manner consistent with health precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, just as they are responsible to make sure that their sons' other interactions outside of school are in a manner that minimizes the risk of spreading the virus. Carpools should generally stay together and children should not switch among carpools except if absolutely necessary.

2. There will be no lineup in the morning. Children are to be dropped off in open parking spots wearing masks and proceed directly to their classroom through their designated doors.

3. Shacharis for the older boys will be held in the Beis Medrash and two Dining Rooms, as instructed, so that no more than two classes (the same two every day) are together in large enough space to stay socially distanced. Masks must be worn at all times.

4. No lockers will be used; students will keep everything with them in the classroom.

5. Mincha will either be in the classroom or in the Beis Medrash (see no. 2 above). Masks must be worn at all times.

6. Students will not switch classrooms even during General Studies (teachers will switch).

7. Cubbies inside the classrooms of Grades 1-3 may be used.

8. Water fountains will be closed. Please send drinks with your sons. Water bottles will be provided by the School.

9. Student desks will be at least three feet apart, and will be up to six feet apart when possible.

10. Masks must be worn at all times while sitting in the classroom and anywhere throughout the building.

11. Snacks and lunch will take place in their seats in the classrooms

12. There will be multiple recess locations. No more than two classes will have recess simultaneously in each location (there will be a schedule for rotation), with the same classes together every day.

13. There will be onsite supervision to ensure that the small groups remain separate and to prevent physical contact.

14. All teacher's desks will have a clear plexiglass shield serving as a barrier between teacher and student.

15. The teacher must wear a mask at all times except when behind the shield.

16. A student presenting during school hours to the school nurse with suspected COVID-19 symptoms will be immediately isolated and the parent(s) will be called. A parent or other responsible adult must pick up the child within one hour.

General

1. Students and staff will continue to be instructed to wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes.

2. Hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol will be available throughout the building.

3. Signs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering will be posted.

4. Our janitorial staff will continue to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the school throughout the day (door handles, sink handles, etc.)

5. All outside service providers must wear a mask when inside the building.
6. Office staff over the age of 65 or with underlying health conditions may continue working remotely, if medically advised.

Conclusion

We will monitor these protocols and will tweak them as warranted as we all gain more experience in dealing with the current realities. Please understand that strict compliance with these protocols are critical to allowing school to open and maintain as close to a normal schedule as possible. **WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THAT PARENTS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE TO MONITOR THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN AND MAY NOT SEND A CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THE CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL OR OTHERWISE EXHIBITS ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS LISTED IN NO. 1, ABOVE.** Please emphasize to your sons that they must comply with these protocols every day. For the safety of our students, staff and our entire community, students who do not comply will not be permitted to remain in school.