



Temple Emanu-El Religious School Policies and Procedures for Fall 2021

Arrival

- For the safety of all entering the temple this fall, proof of vaccination will be required for all members, visitors, and guests aged 12 and over.
- Only fully vaccinated parents and caregivers may enter our building. This policy means you will need to show proof of vaccination when you or your caregiver enter our building for arrival and dismissal.
- Before you depart for school, please complete our health screening that will be emailed to you the morning that your child will be attending Religious School.
- All classes will enter and exit through the 10 East 66th Street exit unless otherwise specified
- Please, only one parent or guardian per child.
- At the front desk, security will conduct temperature checks and staff will check to see that you have completed your health screening.
- Please make use of the hand sanitizing stations.
- Parents should not enter the lobby at drop-off unless necessary. Staff will ensure that your child gets to the location that they need to be to start the day.
- Please remain socially distant from other families.
- Please do not arrive very early to school, as we are trying to lessen the amount of people in the space at one time.

Dismissal

- All parents and caregivers picking up a child must show proof of vaccination.
- Please follow instructions from security about where to wait for your child, as different grades may do pickup in different locations.
- Please do not arrive more than five minutes early.
- Anyone picking up your child should show their red flash pass at the door to ensure that we know that person is authorized to take home your child. You will receive flash passes on the first day of school.
- Students who are allowed to leave on their own will receive a “green” flash pass, which must be presented at dismissal. We require families to clearly indicate upon enrollment that their child may arrive or leave unaccompanied. If a student’s arrival or dismissal information changes, please contact the office.

Health Questionnaire

- Our health survey will be emailed to you on a weekly basis. An adult needs to fill this out before your child arrives at Emanu-El.
- If your child shows up without a health screening, an adult can fill one out before the child is allowed into the building.
- If your child shows up without a health screening and an adult, we will need to contact a parent who will need to fill out the form before we can let the child into their classroom. In the event that we cannot get in touch with you, your child will need to wait in the isolation room before being allowed to go to class.

Masks

- Everyone who enters the building is required to wear a mask, and children and teachers will be masked throughout the day.
- Bandanas, gaiters, and masks with valves are not permitted. Face shields are not a substitute for a mask.
- Please send your child to school with a supply of clean masks, in case they need a mask change.

The School Building

- Before and after the classrooms are used, they will be cleaned and sanitized.
- High touch surfaces and bathrooms will be cleaned on a frequent basis.
- Our ventilation system is MERV 14, and we use HEPA filters. The filters are inspected every 2 weeks for cleanliness and replaced if needed.
- Whenever possible classroom windows and doors will be kept open to maximize air flow.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building.
- We will use our outdoor roof spaces when weather permits.

The Classrooms

- Children will remain in stable “pods” and classes will not mix with one another.
- While we will bring some classes into our prayer spaces at the same time, they will remain distanced from one another, as our spaces allow for everyone to fit while following distancing recommendations.
- Within the classrooms, students will remain at least 3ft apart from one another, per recommendations for school settings.

Snack

- There will be no snack offered on Sunday mornings.
- On Monday afternoons, we will endeavor to use our roof space for snack time before the school day. We will have another location available for snack for those who are unable to get there before the start of the day or in the event of inclement weather.

Absences

- **If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to Religious School. You can choose to send your child to the online program instead of coming into the building if we know to expect them.**
- **If your child or members of your households have tested for COVID, please do not send your child to school until the negative results are received.**
- If your child will be missing school, please email school@emanuelnyc.org so that we can inform the child's teacher.

Isolation

- If a child becomes ill during the school day, they will be brought to the Lifelong Learning suite, where they will remain with an adult until they are picked up.

Travel

- **Domestic travel:** Although there are no domestic travel restrictions for New York State at this moment in time, please consider your child's unvaccinated status before visiting a state with a high rate of transmission. Our travel policy may change as the pandemic evolves.
- **International Travel:** Please be in touch with the office if you or your child have traveled internationally so that we can determine if it is appropriate for your child to attend in person that week.

Positive Cases

If Your Child Tests Positive for COVID-19

- If you receive notice that your child has tested positive, please call the school as soon as possible.
- If the child was recently in school, we will report the positive case to the Department of Health and will work with our medical advisor to determine next steps for the school. All information will be shared in a way that maintains the anonymity of those involved.
- Your child may return to school 10 days after the positive diagnoses if they are asymptomatic.

If Someone in Your Class Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- If your class needs to close and quarantine, we will be in touch with you via email and phone.
- The class will need to quarantine for up to 10 days after the positive case has been diagnosed (based on last known exposure date).
- To return to school, a PCR test may be required. Specific guidance will be shared on a case by case basis.
- If your class must quarantine, we will have a virtual option for the class.

Guidelines for COVID-19 Exposure of a Household Member

- If a parent/guardian of a child must be isolated because they have tested positive for, or exhibited symptoms of, COVID-19, that parent/guardian cannot enter the site for any reason, including picking up their child.
- If the parent/guardian – who is a member of the same household as the child – is exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or has been tested and is positive for the virus child must not return to school for the duration of the quarantine.
- If the parent/guardian – who is a member of the same household as the child – is being quarantined as a precautionary measure, without symptoms or a positive test and has not been in direct contact with someone with Covid-19 but is a “contact of a contact” the child may attend school.
- If a child or their household member becomes symptomatic for COVID-19 and/or tests positive for COVID-19, the child must quarantine and may not return or attend school until after quarantine is complete. Proof of a negative PCR test will be required.
- If a close contact of your child (such as a sibling, parent or caregiver) becomes symptomatic for COVID-19 **and is waiting to be tested or is awaiting test results**, please do not send your child to school.
- If you receive notice during school hours that someone in your household has tested positive, please call the school as soon as possible.