

Important Message from Torat Emet, Ahavas Sholom, Beth Jacob, Kollel and CTA Rabbinic Leadership

COVID-19 Guidelines for Columbus Torah Academy and the
Columbus Orthodox (Synagogue and Kollel) Community:

Our synagogues and our school are open! We rightly celebrate this achievement. But it is up to us –us as individuals and us as a community – to do everything we can to support these institutions and the many people who have worked so hard to make this happen. We, the leaders of these institutions, therefore implore you to comply with the following guidelines:

1. You must wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth at all times while inside any establishment, especially shuls, kollel and CTA.
2. Maintain a distance of 6 feet from any people not part of your household.
3. If a person or a member of their household visits a state that is defined as a hotspot by the state of Ohio, that person, and any members of that person's household may not enter the school, shuls, or kollel until 14 days following their return to Columbus.
4. No member of a family that hosts visitors from any state that is defined as a hotspot by the state of Ohio may enter school, shul, or kollel until 14 days after the visitors have left.
5. Any individuals visiting from outside the greater Columbus area should get the approval of the Shul rabbis, Rosh Kollel or Head of School before coming to school, shul, or kollel.
6. If one wishes to have guests for meals, it is our strong recommendation that meals should be held outside with appropriate social distancing and not exceed two families (including the host family).
7. If someone chooses to attend a large gathering where someone has either tested positive or subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, either all members of the family in attendance may not enter school, shul, or kollel for 14 days regardless of the duration of contact with the specific individual; or must obtain clearance from the Shul rabbis, Rosh Kollel or Head of School and Franklin County Department of Health.
8. If you have one of the following symptoms you may not go to shul or school:
 - a. Fever >100
 - b. Cough
 - c. Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - d. Cold symptoms (sore throat, congestion, runny nose)
9. If you have any two of the following symptoms you may not go to shul or school:
 - a. Headaches
 - b. Body aches
 - c. Fatigue
 - d. Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)
10. Everyone who is medically able should get a flu vaccine this year.
11. We realize that is a divisive issue. In order to avoid any possibility of Lashon Harah, any concerns regarding this policy should be discussed with either a Shul rabbi, Rosh Kollel or Head of School.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Claman, Rabbi Drandoff, Rabbi Goldstein, Rabbi Morris, and Rabbi Zack