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**From:** Randi Nash Ortiz <ecc@templebeth-el.com>  
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**Subject:** ECC Covid-19 Task Force-Closure Update!  
**Importance:** High



Dear ECC Families,

We miss you all and hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. We love seeing your children on Zoom and Facebook as we try to keep our community connected. Temple Beth-El, the ECC and Temple's COVID-19 Task Force have been diligently working together to determine when the ECC can resume. We have decided to follow Governor DeSantis and Pinellas County Schools in the extended directive order to close through April, resuming on Monday, May 4, if it is determined to be safe to do so.

While we know this extended closure is not ideal, this decision was made to ensure that our children, families and staff remain healthy and safe. Our staff will continue working hard to offer and improve our distance learning activities and opportunities for the children to stay connected with their friends and teachers.

At this time, we are not able to give any refunds nor are we able to prorate April Tuition per our tuition agreement, as we continue to pay our staff using tuition dollars. At the same time, as mentioned in our last letter, we are sensitive to the impact that the pandemic has on our ECC families and want you to know that if you find yourself in a major financial hardship, send a confidential email to our Executive Director, Sarah Gotlieb ([Sarah@templebeth-el.com](mailto:Sarah@templebeth-el.com)) explaining your situation and what you can afford at this time.

We understand how difficult the uncertainty of this situation is for all of us – our families, our children, and our staff. We will continue to keep you updated as decisions are made regarding when we can reopen the ECC. If we are required to stay closed into May, we will reassess and closely evaluate our ability to offer possible tuition discounts or refunds while continuing to pay our teachers and to offer virtual opportunities for your children. Should we need to cancel summer camp due to Covid-19, all fees paid for summer camp will be refunded.

Shabbat Shalom,

Stacy Conroy  
Vice President of Education

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Temple Beth-El Board Member

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