



Temple Sinai School of Jewish Life & Learning COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Temple Sinai School of Jewish Life & Learning (SJLL) staff and teachers are eager to support our students and their families during this school year. These guidelines are designed to help us create a safe and healthy environment for in-person teaching and learning.

These SJLL COVID-19 Protocols are in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. They have been positively reviewed by Temple Sinai's COVID Task Force and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Prior to arriving at school:

- Parents, students, teachers, madrichim, staff or any other potential visitors to the building - please **do not** come to Temple Sinai if you or any member of your household exhibits any symptoms of illness including but not limited to **fever (greater than 100 degrees), chills, headache, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and/or muscle/body aches.**
- Please **do not** come or bring students to Temple Sinai if you or they were in close, direct contact (within 6' for more than 15 minutes) with anyone known to be infected with COVID-19 within the last two weeks.
- Please make sure your children have eaten prior to coming to school.
- Our current policy restricts eating and sharing of food (including snack); food is not allowed to be brought into the building. If an individual needs an accommodation due to a legitimate medical need to eat during school hours, they must provide a note from their health care provider, and a space will be designated to meet this need outside the classroom.
- Please make sure that your child is wearing a mask properly – to fully cover their mouth and nose. Masks are required during all school hours whether inside or outside of the building.
- Until further notice, the Parent Lounge will not be available. Weather permitting, parents are welcome to pass time in the Joel Bloom Garden.
- Parents are welcome to enter the Temple during school hours for prescheduled appointments and/or for acquiring information at the front desk.

Arriving at School:

Sunday: All students will enter the building through the Sanctuary entrance.

- Parents of our Sprouts: Please come with your children to Conference Room C (the room at the end of the hallway). **Parents need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend Sprouts with their children.**
- Parents of our Kindergarten - 3rd grade: You may walk your children to the Sanctuary; or let our Madrichim help them in. Please do not stay with them during t'filaton (we hope to be more welcoming soon); and please exit Temple via the school side. This will help maintain traffic flow and prudent social distancing.
- Parents of our 4th – 7th grade (and Madrichim/Teacher Assistants): Please drop your children off at the sanctuary entrance of the building.

Wednesday: All students will enter the building through the School/Administration entrance.

During school hours:

- Social distancing of at least 3 feet will be observed in all indoor spaces.
- No more than four (4) classes will meet at one time in any common space in the building, such as the Social Hall.
- Students will not “intermingle” with students of other classes. When multiple classes meet in one indoor space, social distancing of at least 6 feet between class groups will be observed.
- Students will be provided with their own set of writing and cutting instruments.
- Singing softly is permitted in the school. Students will remain masked and distanced while singing.

Dismissal from School (end of school):

Students in grades K-3 will be picked from the Sanctuary at 12:00. Please enter and exit the building via the Sanctuary entrance. To help us in keeping the flow of “traffic,” we ask you not to congregate while in the building.

On Sunday, students in grades 4-7, will be dismissed from the school side of the building at 12:00, and on Wednesday, students in grades 3-7 will be dismissed from the school side of the building at 6:00. Please drive to the front of the building. Place a large sign in the passenger window displaying your child's name and grade. Students will be alerted and released when their parents are in front of the entrance.

Dismissal (exhibiting symptoms of illness):

Any persons including students, teachers, and/or madrichim/teacher assistants who exhibit any symptoms of illness will be sent home immediately including but not limited to **fever (greater than 100 degrees), chills, headache, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and/or muscle/body aches.**

Returning to school after illness: Students, Teachers, and Madrichim/Teacher Assistants may return to school after providing the following information and/or documentation to Mr. Adar:

- **If tested “positive” for covid:** Return to school after being released from isolation by a medical professional/health care provider or by the County (a note must be provided).
- **If tested “negative” for covid:** Provide document of negative PCR test results or a medical professional/health care provider indicating the negative results.
- **If tested “negative” for COVID-19, must be** fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- **Dismissal and return to school of teaching and supporting staff:** The same protocol as for students and Madrichim/Teacher Assistants.

Please alert school staff ASAP (585-381-6890) if your child has tested positive. This will help us keep our school community safe by ensuring contact tracing.

If a student, teacher, or teacher assistant tests positive for COVID-19, a notification will be sent to all parents via email noting a positive case, specifying whether the person who tested positive was in your child’s classroom or not, and an additional notification by phone will be made to all parents whose child was in the classroom with the person who tested positive

Classrooms that are impacted by a positive COVID-19 case will be held via Zoom to allow for 10 days to pass before return to the classroom.

Please follow the provided guidelines of the Department of Public Health Monroe County, New York: [2021.08.17MCDPHReturntoSchool.pdf \(bcsd.org\)](https://www.bcsd.org/2021.08.17MCDPHReturntoSchool.pdf)

These protocols are subject to change to reflect the appropriate response to changing community indicators.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in providing the safest possible environment for in-person teaching and learning at Temple Sinai.

Best wishes for a healthy and exciting school year full of positive experiences for your children.

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