

## **Keneseth Israel Religious School Health and Safety Protocols**

KI's Religious School plans in-person classes, beginning Sunday, Sept. 12.

There will be universal indoor **masking** by all students, staff, teachers, parents, and visitors to the school, regardless of vaccination status. When possible, classes for younger students will be held in KI's outdoor spaces.

KI will provide all students with school supplies, to be kept in their classrooms in plastic bags marked with the student's name. Students must use supplies from their own bag only.

Students, teachers, and staff will maintain at least 3 feet of physical **distance** between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk.

Precautionary **air filtering** equipment will be used in all classrooms.

**Hand sanitizer or handwashing** with soap and water for 20 seconds will be employed before entering classrooms. [Hand sanitizer will be available outside each classroom. If social distancing protocols permit, students may opt instead to wash their hands in the nearest school restroom.]

Parents (who presumably already are reinforcing mask-wearing, social-distancing, hand-washing, and other COVID protocols to students for secular school purposes) are asked to remind students in their families that these rules apply with equal importance at the Religious School. [KI teachers and staff also will provide reinforcement on site.]

Students, teachers, and staff **must not come to KI** when they have signs of any infectious illness and should consult their healthcare provider for testing and care.

All persons, including those fully vaccinated, who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must be tested 3-5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

**In the event of a positive test of a KI student, teacher or staff:**

Areas that an ill person occupied will be cleaned and disinfected. KI will ventilate the area(s), wait as long as possible before cleaning to let virus particles settle (at least several hours), and use personal protective equipment (including any protection needed for the cleaning and disinfection products) to reduce risk of infection.

KI will work with local health officials to assess spread and support follow up with staff, parents, guardians, or caregivers of student(s) that had contact with the ill person.

Parents, guardians, or caregivers of close contacts are advised to keep their children home (quarantine according to local health department requirements) and to consult with the student(s)' healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 test.

Members of the ill student's, teacher's, or staff member's household, and other students, teachers, and staff who had close contact with the ill person are advised to quarantine according to local health department requirements.

The ill person can return to school and end isolation once the following are met:

- 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
- Symptoms have improved.

Please note that these protocols are meant to be followed in conjunction with recommendations from each family's physicians. Families should consult with their physician at each step of this process. We may update these protocols over the course of the year as new information becomes available.

For additional information please see [CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#).