



Shalom School

SACRAMENTO'S JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

May 21, 2020

Dear Shalom School Families,

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. With the news from Sacramento County that childcare centers have been given permission to reopen for all ECE clientele, we wanted to connect and update you on our status as we plan for a modified reopening of our ECE program this summer and continue to plan for all programs moving forward.

We are currently reviewing the ECE licensing, CDC, and Department of Public Health recommendations and assessing how the guidance they outline can be implemented in our school. We intend to use this information for our plans to both reopen our ECE in the summer and resume in-person learning for our K - 6 program at the beginning of the 2020 - 2021 school year.

In order for ECE to reopen, we will need to complete the following steps:

- Prepare the campus and classrooms and apply new cleaning and disinfecting protocols
- Create class groupings that adhere to limited class size requirements set forth by ECE licensing and the Department of Public Health
- Review and possibly revise schedules in order to be able to meet the cleaning and training guidelines necessary for safe program management
- Provide training for all teachers and staff regarding health screenings, social distancing, and the most current cleaning regulations
- Communicate new protocols and operations to parents and community stakeholders

As we prepare to embark on what will be considered a “new normal,” we are keenly aware that returning to a school that looks and operates differently will be challenging for both you and your children. Some of the program changes that we are considering in order to ensure the health and safety of all children, families, and staff members include:

- Opening in phases
- Changes in hours of operation
- Staggered start and/or end times
- Modified pick-up and drop-off procedures; children may be escorted to class by staff members rather than dropped off by parents/caregivers to classrooms
- Daily health screening processes
- New cleaning procedures across the whole campus
- Limited class sizes with consistent groups of students and staff members

As we continue to make plans, I know that you, like all of us, are anxious to know exactly when school will reopen and what our programs will look like. We will be sharing more

information as we have it, and we will be in touch with more information about specific start dates and program modifications by June 1st at the latest.

I have been so grateful for your ongoing partnership, support, and flexibility as we have weathered the past few months, and I hope that you will continue to be patient with us as we navigate the uncertain future. In the midst of all the things we don't know, I keep returning to the things we do know—that our community is strong and resilient; that our sacred mission of inspiring, educating, and nurturing our children continues to resonate with our families; and that our teachers bring passion, expertise, and excellence that is unparalleled. We look forward to ongoing communication with you and to welcoming you back to campus very soon.

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