



Shalom School

SACRAMENTO'S JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Dear Shalom School Families,

I want to thank you for your ongoing cooperation and flexibility. Your commitment to following our COVID protocols and guidelines has helped us keep our community safe and our school open. With the number of cases in Sacramento beginning to fall and the news that we are likely to move from the purple tier to the red tier this week, we are hopeful that we will continue to see decreasing rates of infection. Our COVID advisory group met last week, and we have some updated guidance based upon the current numbers, their advice, and the fact that many of our faculty have now been vaccinated.

As of today,

- We will discontinue surveillance COVID testing for all staff members who are fully vaccinated; staff who haven't had the vaccine or who are not fully vaccinated (both vaccines and the recommended wait time for full immunity) will continue to undergo surveillance testing every four weeks on a rotating schedule.
- Any staff member with cold or allergy symptoms who is fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine based on our decision tree; we still recommend that those with symptoms stay home until they are fully recovered.
- Though we are still strongly urging all families to restrict travel, limit their exposure to those outside their family or 'pod,' and avoid large groups, we will no longer require a quarantine period for those who travel. **We do recommend a self-imposed quarantine period for those who gather outside their pod with individuals who are not immunized.** We also strongly recommend that anyone who is travelling wear an N95 mask on airplanes, public transportation, and in group settings and follow all COVID hygiene protocols scrupulously.

We will continue to follow all guidelines from local health authorities and will make program changes when we receive information from them about the possibility of more mixing of cohorts, expansion of the size of allowable groups, and permission to gather. We will continue to keep you informed.

Again, thank you for all your help in keeping everyone safe.

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Shalom School's mission is to provide each child with an outstanding education in a nurturing environment that is academically excellent, inclusive, innovative, and inspired by Jewish values and traditions.

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