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# COVID-19 UPDATE

March 25, 2022

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Dear Shalom School families,

I am excited to report that the current landscape for COVID-19 has continued to improve. With the test positivity rate below 2%, we have the following updates which have been extensively discussed by our health committee and will become operationalized this Monday, March 28th:

## Indoor masking:

Since the test positivity rate has remained low and we have not seen indicators of significant spread, Shalom School will adopt the guidelines set forth by Sacramento County Public Health that **indoor masking is strongly recommended and encouraged, but not required, for all students in our program.**

Our faculty and staff will continue to be required to remain masked while interacting with students indoors until further notice. Parents, volunteers, and visitors will be required to remain masked when indoors.

Please note that we anticipate that many children and families will choose to heed the Sacramento Public Health recommendation and will remain masked indoors. We will ensure that they are fully supported to do so. We will also promote a culture of acceptance, inclusivity, and *kavod* (respect) and we will not question or scrutinize individual masking choices. We anticipate that these choices will be fluid and iterative and that families' comfort levels will ebb and flow and, as such, will be appropriately communicated.

Please email your teacher(s) and the front office at [shalomdove@shalomschool.org](mailto:shalomdove@shalomschool.org) if you would like your child(ren) to remain masked inside.

## Drop-off and pick-up:

**Parents may now park and exit their vehicles for drop-off AND pick-up, effective immediately.** We will no longer require that K-6 students be dropped-off at the curb or that they answer morning health screening questions. We ask that parents monitor their child(ren)'s health symptoms and do not send their child(ren) to school if they are sick. At the beginning and end of the school day, parents may opt to continue to use the main parking circle or they may exit their vehicles to drop-off and pick-up their children. Parents will be required to wear a mask when they are inside the school building.

## Volunteers and visitors:

ALL visitors, volunteers, workers, etc. should remain masked indoors. Parents and family members who are volunteering at the school or attending indoor gatherings (talent show, Celebration of Learning, Kabbalat Shabbat, etc.) must either have proof of full vaccination

(including booster) on file in the front office OR show proof of a negative test within 24 hours. They must also remain masked indoors. This vaccination and testing does not apply to those with brief, short term business in the school (tours, delivery drivers, maintenance workers, etc.) or parents who have matters to address with teachers/office. To submit proof of vaccination, please email [shalomdove@shalomschool.org](mailto:shalomdove@shalomschool.org).

Proof of vaccination and testing will not be required for outdoor gatherings. Outdoor masking remains optional. Additionally, no students, teachers, parents, volunteers, etc. should attend gatherings at the school if displaying any infectious symptoms.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership as we operationalize these changes. Our priority continues to be student safety as well as an optimal environment for learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. May we go from strength to strength as we adjust and adapt.

Shabbat shalom,

Jilian

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