



Dear Shalom School families and community,

I am writing to let you know that we are currently experiencing a surge in COVID cases (that are mostly in our preschool), with the following positive cases in various classrooms:

Chaverim: 5 students

Gesher: 1 student

Yonim/Dubim: 3 students; 1 teacher

Kindergarten: 1 student

*please note that two of these cases are a sibling pair

As such, our Chaverim classroom is currently closed temporarily until Wednesday, May 11th to prevent any additional spread. We believe this uptick in cases is a result of the COVID numbers increasing in general in Sacramento as well as inherent spread from community members' travel over Passover/Spring break.

In an effort to keep Shalom School in session and to ensure that we can have all of our end of the year events as planned, we continue to **strongly encourage that students wear masks indoors** and we require that all faculty and staff wear masks indoors while they are interacting with children. Additionally, as we navigate the last five weeks of the school year and prioritize protecting our teachers and students from becoming ill, **we will require students to mask indoors during whole school events including Tefillah and Kabbalat Shabbat.** Please make sure your child has a supply of masks at school for these instances; during these large school events, we will supply masks to students who forget to bring them from home. Please also remember that **we require all parents who enter our campus buildings to wear a mask while on campus** and we also have an adult supply of masks in the front office to support this requirement.

Lastly, we have an updated [decision tree](#) which indicates that students must mask indoors for ten days after an exposure in the classroom in addition to taking an at-home test on day five of an exposure. This brings our practice in alignment with the requirements from SCPH. Though we are hopeful we will not have to add further mitigating measure to our current practice for the remainder of the year, should cases continue to rise internally or in Sacramento more generally, we are ready to pivot as necessary.

As always, I thank you all for your partnership and flexibility. My door is always open by phone, email, and in-person and I have enjoyed connecting with many of you over the past couple of days (albeit generally over the topic of COVID).

In community,

Jilian

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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