

Beit Sefer **SHALOM** RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Health & Safety Guidelines & Protocol 2020 - 2021

Beit Sefer Shalom Religious School will begin the school year with in-person outdoor programming on Sunday, September 13, 2020. In advance of this decision, we have engaged with local, regional, and national organizations & schools and are working with Temple Shalom's Ad Hoc COVID-19 Task Force on Health and Safety. As captured in the guidelines and protocol set out below, we are articulating processes and procedures designed to allow the program to open and to effectively manage risks associated with COVID-19. Please note that information changes and evolves daily. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

Our obligations to each other as a sacred community:

As the Talmud indicates, all of us are responsible for each other. We are entering into a covenant between Temple Shalom and our congregants in which we will follow all current health and safety guidelines to keep each other safe.

Daily Protocols for in-person programming

1. At least 30 minutes prior to each arrival at Temple Shalom for in-person programming, the enclosed screening questionnaire must be completed online via our ShulCloud membership portal for each student attending.
2. Families must provide a clean (washed) mask for students each day.
3. Staff, parents and students must wear masks covering their mouth and nose at all times during drop-off and pickup.
4. Specific time frames will be given for drop-off and pickup. Students may not exit their vehicle (and parents may not leave the designated walkup area) until checked in by a staff member who will be confirming that the screening questionnaire was completed.
5. Staff and students must wear masks covering their mouth and nose at all times onsite - outdoors as well as in the building. Social distancing will be practiced and hand sanitizer will be available and dispensed.
6. For the time being, parents and guardians are not allowed to enter the building.

7. Per the Health Department, we will need to be able to reach a parent or guardian within 30 minutes in the event that an emergency pick-up is necessary. Phone numbers must be updated in our member database prior to the start of school.
8. We prefer that you not carpool or pick up a non-family member child from another class unless you are already in a pod with their family.

Snacks/Food/Drinks

At this time we cannot permit food onsite during Religious School programming. If there is a medical issue please contact rachel@sholomchicago.org. Students are permitted to bring water bottles and will be asked to step away from the group before drinking. Crown Family High School outdoor dinners will be served individually packaged.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be available for emergency use only with strict cleaning protocols under staff supervision.

If a student or staff member becomes ill during Religious School

There will be two designated 'isolation rooms' that will be used if a student or staff member does not feel well or exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms. There will be one isolation room located on the first floor and another room on the fourth floor. If you receive a phone call from Religious School indicating the presence of symptoms, you must pick up your child within 30 minutes of the phone call; we recommend contacting your child's pediatrician as soon as possible.

What if someone in our community tests positive?

Due to our protocols for masks, social distance (6 feet), short timeframe for sessions (1 hour) and use of outdoor or large indoor spaces, Religious School programming is not considered "close contact" as defined by the CDC. We will **conduct contact tracing for any confirmed cases of COVID-19 and notify** staff and student families as appropriate to monitor symptoms closely if there is a positive test within their class.

Health Related Attendance Restrictions

If any student or teacher/staff (or a member of their household) is currently experiencing or has developed in the past fourteen (14) days any of the following symptoms (that cannot be attributed to an existing health condition, other health condition, or a specific activity), they will not be permitted to attend in-person Religious School programming:

- A fever of 100.4 or above
- Head and/or Muscle aches
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New or Worsening Sore Throat
- Complete loss of taste and/or smell
- Chills
- Nausea, Diarrhea or vomiting

In addition, if any of the following apply to a student or teacher/staff (or a member of their household) they will not be permitted to attend in-person Religious School programming:

- Used any type of fever reducer in the past forty-eight (48) hours to treat a body temperature of 100.4 degrees or more
- Has tested positive or awaiting test results for COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for return as listed below.
- Had close contact (as defined by the CDC) with anyone who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days
- Has traveled to a state or region currently covered by the City of Chicago Emergency Travel Order or other state or local regulations requiring quarantine after travel.

If a child or staff member has any of the above symptoms or reasons that they cannot attend Religious School programming, they will not be able to attend future in-person programming until one of the following has been met:

a) If a COVID test has been performed and is negative, the child or staff person may return to in-person programming if they have been afebrile (fever-free) for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and symptoms are improved.

b) If a COVID test has been performed and is positive, the child or staff person may return to in-person programming when

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms have improved.

c) If testing is not performed due to the clinical judgment of the healthcare provider, a medical note is needed to return to in-person programming documenting that there is no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection and indicate an alternative diagnosis with exclusion consistent with this diagnosis.

Cleaning Procedures

- Cleaning of classrooms, hallways and common areas will take place throughout each day and all classrooms will be disinfected according to guidelines outlined by the Illinois Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). High touch surfaces will be cleaned every two hours. A nightly cleaning crew will arrive each evening to clean and disinfect Temple Shalom thoroughly, in addition to the cleaning regimen during the day.
- Bathrooms sinks and toilets will be sanitized to eliminate the spread of germs.
- Foggers will be sprayed at least two times per month with a protective film that limits germs on surface areas.
- There are dedicated members of the facilities staff who will be cleaning during the time Religious School is in session, as well as a nightly crew that will clean the Temple after everyone has left the building.

Communication

Where appropriate, information – including classroom specific information and Religious School community-wide information – will be shared with families. Please remember that information is not only not always meant for everyone, and that there are privacy requirements which we are obligated to maintain. We always strive to be sensitive, respectful and responsible with how we share and communicate information, as we do not want to overwhelm our families with too many e-mails. You can expect to receive communication from classroom teachers, a weekly e-letter from the Religious School team, as well as other community-wide information.

If your child is not going to be in school, please e-mail your classroom teachers and the Religious School office. We need to know if your child is sick, taking a day off, traveling or having a personal day at home. We appreciate your support on this as it helps us to stay connected and informed.

TEMPLE SHOLOM OF CHICAGO COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire

The safety of our members, staff, guests and the broader community is of critical importance. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are monitoring the situation closely and adhering to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Chicago Department of Health (CDH), as well as our congregation's COVID-19 Task Force on Health & Safety. In order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and reduce the potential risk of exposure to those who enter Temple Sholom, we are asking all families to complete and submit this questionnaire prior to Religious School attendance.

Student Name(s)	
Parent Name	
Email Address	

1. Is anyone in your house currently experiencing or have they developed in the past fourteen (14) days any of the following symptoms (that cannot be attributed to an existing health condition, other health condition, or a specific activity)?

YES NO **Fever (100.4 Degrees or Greater by Oral Thermometer) ***

* Please take the temperature of everyone in the household before answering this question.

YES NO **Head and/or Muscle Aches**

YES NO **Cough**

YES NO **Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing**

YES NO **New or Worsening Sore Throat**

YES NO **Complete Loss of Smell and/or Taste**

YES NO **Chills**

YES NO **Nausea, Diarrhea, or Vomiting**

2. Has anyone in your household used any type of fever reducer in the past forty-eight (48) hours to treat a body temperature of 100 degrees or more?

YES NO

3. In the past fourteen (14) days, has anyone in your household tested positive or been tested awaiting results for COVID-19?

YES NO

4. In the past fourteen (14) days, has anyone in your household been in close proximity with anyone who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19?

YES NO

5. In the past fourteen (14) days has anyone in your household been on a commercial flight, traveled outside of the United States or traveled – for more than 24-hours – to a state currently covered by the City of Chicago Emergency Travel Order?

YES NO

Parental Consent

I have read and understand the new policies, procedures, and guidelines. I agree to follow all the new guidelines prior to my child starting **Religious School**.

Child Name(s): _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Signatures: _____

Date: _____