



**Brookline  
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## TCEE COVID-19 Health Practices and Procedures

In navigating the COVID-19 health situation, we are privileged to be guided by a team of medical experts from within our community. Together these professionals have helped us make data-driven decisions based on the latest scientific studies that have been published in recent weeks. These policies were crafted with guidance and feedback from:

- The Temple Ohabei Shalom Reopening Committee
- The MA Department of Early Education and Care
- The Centers for Disease Control
- The Brookline Health Department

Following this group's guidance, we have made a number of changes to our building and routines.

A few key items to note regarding our new procedures:

**HVAC:** Our HVAC system has been upgraded to keep the air clean. We increased the rate of ventilation so that more fresh air is coming into the building and the air is rotated. The system now runs before people are expected in the space and until after they depart to increase air circulation per hour. The filters have been upgraded and replaced with filters that are better at capturing smaller particles so they don't get sent back into the air.

**Outdoor Time:** We know that spending time outdoors is always healthy for children, but especially now. We have created new outdoor play spaces in order to bring more of our day outdoors. In addition to the standard playground time, we will now have the opportunity for outdoor art, picnics, games, science, and more.

**Face Coverings:** You will notice that our teachers will wear face coverings. Children ages 2+ should bring a mask each day. We will be learning about masks and their importance and encouraging children to wear them during indoor activities (with the exception of mealtimes and rest time) and especially at drop off and pick up.

**Group Bubbles:** Children will remain in small class bubbles and will not gather with other groups for activities.

**Health Screenings:** Each morning, you will take your child's temperature at home and review a [series of health questions](#). When you arrive, we will do a visual screening of your child drop off before welcoming your child for the day.



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## Children & Families Will:

### Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices:

- Wash hands upon arrival and before departure
- Use materials that can be easily sanitized
- Learn about washing hands, covering coughs, and wearing masks as part of our regular curriculum
- Have the option but never forced, to wear masks
- Wear clean clothes to school each day they attend

### Promote Social Distancing

- Remain together with their class, with no mixing between groups
- Spend time outdoors
- Nap at least 6 ft apart in a head to toe configuration
- Drop off and pick-ups will be staggered (either naturally or by assigning specific times)
- Family members and other caregivers will not enter classrooms when children are present
- Families commit to current public health recommendations (for example washing hands, wearing masks) outside of school

### Limit Sharing

- Keep personal belongings separated and stored in individual cubbies
- Bring filled water bottles, lunch, and snack with all needed utensils
- Not share food
- Use materials only after they have been sanitized

### Monitor and Prepare

- Screen at home including symptom screening and household symptoms
- Be screened upon arrival, including child and household symptom screening
- Stay home when sick or when a family member is sick
- Stay home for 14 days after close contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19

## Faculty Will:

### Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Teach basic hygiene practices such as washing hands and covering coughs as a regular part of the curriculum
- Come in clean clothes with an extra change of clothes
- Wear face coverings when 6 feet of social distance is not possible, except when eating or drinking
- Wash face covering daily or when they become soiled
- Avoid touching face covering
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently

### Promote Social Distancing

- Avoid being in closed spaces and within 6 feet from other adults or children in other classes



- Commit to current public health recommendations (for example washing hands, wearing masks) outside of school

#### Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

- Clean, sanitize, and disinfect frequently touched classroom surfaces multiple times per day and classroom objects before they are used by children
- Avoid use of items that are not easily cleaned, sanitized, or disinfected (for example, soft or plush toys)
- Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep products away from children

#### Limit Sharing

- Assign high-touch materials such as sensory bin and art supplies to one child at a time and clean and disinfect before another child uses
- Sanitize toys and learning materials before returning them to be used by another class

#### Training

- Participate in training on infection control, proper PPE usage, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting

#### Monitor and Prepare

- Screen at home including symptom screening
- Be screened upon arrival including teacher and household symptom screening
- Ensure screening of children upon arrival including child and household symptom screening
- Stay home when sick or when a family member is sick
- Stay home for 14 days after close contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19
- Monitor the health and wellness of children throughout the day
- Implement health checks safely, respectfully and maintain confidentiality
- Report any potential exposure to the virus (one's own exposure, or the exposure of someone you live with) to supervisor

### **In General, HomeBASE and the TOS Community will:**

#### Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Keep a stock of adequate supplies on hand to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), paper towels, and tissues.
- Maintain signage on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering

#### Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation

- Facility team will clean, sanitize, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as playground equipment, door handles, sink handles multiple times per day
- All water systems and features are safe to use and kept in good repair

#### Promote Social Distancing

- Nonessential visitors, consultants, and volunteers are not allowed into classrooms
- There will not be field trips



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