



Hebrew & Religious School and Teen Programs COVID19 Protocols

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COVID19 Vaccination & Testing:

As is now **required by California mandate, teachers in both private and public schools are required to either be fully COVID19 vaccinated or engage in ongoing weekly testing.** In keeping with Congregation Bet Haverim (CBH) recommendations, anyone eligible to receive the COVID19 vaccine is expected to do so. Everyone participating in the CBH community is also strongly encouraged to engage in ongoing weekly COVID19 testing. **These protocols reflect our commitment to the Jewish teachings of pikuach nefesh, the saving of lives, as well as kol Yisrael aravim zeh bazeh, we are all responsible for each other.**

Health Screenings:

It is expected that **we will refrain from being on campus if we are not feeling well or are experiencing any signs and symptoms of the corona virus** including fever of 100 or higher, cough, shortness or breath or difficulty breathing, headache, muscle pains, chills, new loss of taste or smell, etc.

It is the responsibility of **each family to conduct a daily health check before coming on campus.** Upon arrival, **everyone must check in with Ardyth Sokoler, Director of Education, or designated greeters for a temperature check and brief health screening.** Please also be prepared to share the **date and information about your most recent COVID19 testing.**

COVID19 Exposure:

It is expected that you will report information to Ardyth Sokoler, Director of Education, of **any exposure or contact that a student or family member has had with any person who has tested positive for COVID19 or someone who is currently demonstrating COVID19 symptoms.**

If your child is fully vaccinated, experiences COVID19 exposure, and is not experiencing symptoms, they may continue to participate in Education & Youth Programs. The student as well as all members of their household are strongly encouraged to **test within three to five days of exposure.**

CBH Education & Youth Programs will follow the **DJUSD protocol concerning exposure for students who are not yet able to be vaccinated.** If students who are unvaccinated but were **masked during the exposure and remain asymptomatic,** they may continue to attend classes and activities under a modified ten-day quarantine as follows:

a. Student had a COVID19 test done within 24 hours of exposure and provides proof of the negative test to Ardyth Sokoler at school@bethaverim.org.

b. Student has a second COVID19 test done 3-5 days following exposure and must provide proof of the negative test to Ardyth Sokoler at school@bethaverim.org.

c. Student consistently does not present any symptoms of illness.

Students who are **not yet vaccinated and were unmasked during exposure**, will need to **quarantine at home for ten calendar days if untested**. The quarantine period may be shortened to seven days if a negative test is conducted and reported to school@bethaverim.org after day five following exposure.

COVID19 Positive Test Result:

If a CBH student tests positive for COVID19, they will need to quarantine for at least ten days since their symptoms first appeared. In addition, they will not be deemed ready to return until they have been fever free (without the use of medication that reduces fever) for at least 72 hours and all other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.) have improved. **A doctor's note is required to return to CBH Education & Youth Programs.**

Face Masks:

At this time, **all CBH teachers, madrichim, children, teens, parents, guests, and volunteers are expected to properly wear face masks both inside and outside regardless of vaccination status**. We anticipate that this protocol may change as pandemic conditions improve and the COVID19 vaccine becomes available to younger children. It is essential that masks are worn correctly, fully covering your mouth, nose, and chin. Extra disposable masks, in both children and adult sizes, are available in the CBH Office.

Symptoms or Illness While on Campus:

In the event that a child, teen, teacher, or madrich(a) exhibit symptoms of illness during Hebrew & Religious School or Teen Programs, that person will be immediately separated from their group and allowed to rest in a designated isolation room. Parents or family members will be immediately notified and the person will be cared for by a CBH staff member. **The child or teen should be picked up as soon as possible, no more than thirty minutes after notification.**

All families in the impacted grade level will immediately be notified (following HIPAA guidelines) that a child, teen, teacher, or madrich(a) was sent home with a specific symptom. All learning spaces and equipment will be cleaned and disinfected and air circulation will be increased in impacted areas.

The child, teen, teacher or madrich must be seen by their physician within 24 hours and Ardyth Sokoler, Director of Education, must receive written documentation from the physician regarding the diagnosis. The physician must also state if a COVID19 test is recommended. Families will receive this information once CBH Education & Youth Programs are notified. In addition, if any member of that person's household has a confirmed case of COVID19 within ten days of the incident, they must notify Ardyth immediately so information can be shared with impacted families (in accordance with HIPAA guidelines).

Visitors During Hebrew & Religious School and Teen Programs:

In order to reduce potential exposure, visitors will not be allowed in learning spaces during Education & Youth Programs. **In addition, parents should limit their time on campus during drop off and dismissal. If your family is new to CBH or your child will benefit from your presence during drop off,** please be in touch with Ardyth and we will work together to create a plan. **If your child is enrolled in our Religious School Preschool Class,** parents are welcome to participate as long as they are fully vaccinated and follow all CBH COVID19 protocols.

Food & Drink Protocol:

In order to maintain proper use of face masks, we will not be serving challah, grape juice, or any snack food while on campus for Hebrew & Religious School. We will not be able to engage in any food activity or preparation related to our learning while this protocol is in place. It is our hope that this protocol can change as the pandemic situation improves and the vaccine is available for younger children. Teen Space pizza time (abbreviated) and DRTY food are currently permitted when weather and air quality allow for eating outside. This protocol is based on an assumption that participating teens are fully vaccinated.

We encourage our Hebrew School students to eat a snack before arriving on Wednesday afternoon. If they are coming directly to our CBH campus, please send a snack with them that can be eaten outside. **When students are eating a snack outside, they will need to be spaced at least six feet apart in order to reduce the possibility of exposure.**

Classroom Preparations:

In preparation for our safe return to campus as well as the reopening of our Gan Haverim preschool in July 2020, **many improvements have been made to the HVAC system and overall ventilation.** We were blessed to receive funding from Healthy Davis Together allowing us to purchase high quality air purifiers for all learning and gathering spaces. Our HVAC system as well as the air filters are inspected and filters changed on a frequent basis. All windows and doors have been repaired or upgraded as needed allowing us to increase the quality and efficiency of air circulation.

Our **cleaning practices and protocol have been upgraded** and we are grateful to our teachers, madrichim, and parent volunteers for their support.

In order **to allow more flexibility in using our learning spaces, we have purchased creative furniture options such as lap desks, small portable writing tables, individual tables, clipboards, etc.** This protocol will allow students to maintain more physical distancing and can also be taken to our outside learning spaces.