

IN-PERSON LEARNING PROTOCOLS



For the 2021-2022 school year, the priority for Cohen Religious School is to SAFELY return to in-person learning. Based on survey results, families want to resume in-person learning provided that guidelines are in place. As such we will be following the most up-to-date recommendations from our public schools, state and local health experts as well as North Suburban Synagogue Beth El's Medical Task Force.

Cohen Religious School will resume in-person learning this school year. Classes will meet during regular hours (see below). To limit the mixture of different pods, Chugim (electives) will resume later in the year.

To reduce transmission risk, CRS will have the following protocols in place:

- **UNIVERSAL MASKING:** all students, teachers and support staff will be required to wear a mask during religious school classes, regardless of vaccination status. This includes indoor and outdoor portions of the day.
- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** the CDC recommends schools implement physical distancing to the extent possible. At CRS, we will reassess what classrooms/synagogue spaces need to be used to physically distance as much as possible.
- **HOME HEALTH SCREENING:** Parents will be asked to fill out a "Daily Health Screening" before coming to class. Receipt of this form will be checked upon arrival. Students, teachers, and support staff who have symptoms such as cough, fever (100.4 °F), chills, core throat, loss of taste or smell should stay home.
- **VENTALATION/OUTDOOR USE:** Weather permitting, we will use NSSBE's outdoor space as much as possible. NSSBE recently upgraded all the HVAC filters to Merv 11. All classrooms have a portable air filtration unit.
- **ENHANCED CLEANING:** Our maintenance team will be cleaning highly-touched surfaces, including tables, chairs, door knobs and sinks. All of our rooms and bathrooms will be cleaned between uses.

As an added layer of prevention during class time:

- **SNACKS** will be provided during school hours. They will be individual bags of healthy snacks and fruit such as clementines, apples and/or bananas. Weather permitting, all grades will eat outside. When indoors, classes will use larger spaces to physically distance as much as possible. Hand washing will be promoted before and after eating.
- **ASSIGNED SEATS/INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES:** to limit communal sharing, student will have assigned seats this year. We are also asking families to provide school supplies for their student(s) to use during the school year.

We are excited to bring the Cohen Religious School community back into the halls of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El. As we proceed forward, please remember that this year remains fluid. As guidelines and recommendations get updated, so will our protocols. We appreciate your patience and understanding.