

IN-PERSON LEARNING GUIDELINES

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Cohen Religious School is continuing in-person learning. We will follow 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. 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.

The current CDC guidance recommends "strategies for everyday operations" that can help prevent the spread of infectious disease, including the virus that causes COVID-19. The following strategies will be in place at the Cohen Religious School:

- **VACCINATIONS:** we recommend that all CRS students and staff be up to date with their vaccinations.
- **STAY HOME:** we encourage students and staff to stay home when not feeling well.
- **OPTIONAL MASKING:** mask wearing during religious school classes is optional for all students, teachers and support staff.
 - If Lake County reaches a high COVID-19 Community Level, universal indoor masking will be instituted, as it is in the community at-large.
 - If there is a classroom COVID exposure, we will ask the class to mask for 10 days.
- **VENTILATION/OUTDOOR USE:** Weather permitting, we will use NSSBE's outdoor space as much as possible. 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.

COVID SPECIFICS:

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19
 - Notify Anna Besser directly at abesser@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7904.
 - Quarantine for 5 days (Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test).
 - Student can return to school on Day 6 **IF** they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. They must wear a well-fitting mask through Day 10.
- If your child is considered a close contact
 - Notify Anna Besser directly at abesser@nssbethel.org or 847-926-7904.
 - If student has had COVID within the past 90 days, they are exempt from quarantine and testing and can return to in-person learning as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
 - If student is **VACCINATED**, they do not need to quarantine, **UNLESS** they develop symptoms. Get tested on or after Day 5 after exposure. **Take precautions until Day 10.** Wear a well-fitting mask through Day 10.
 - If student is **UNVACCINATED**, stay home for 5 days as per the CDC/IDPH guidelines. Get tested on or after Day 5. **Take precautions until Day 10.** Wear a well-fitting mask through Day 10.