

ו' אב תש"פ
July 27, 2020

Dear JDBY-YTT Parents,

RABBI YEHOSHUA PINKUS
Executive Director | ext. 620

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and enjoying a relaxing summer. We are pleased to inform you that despite the many unknowns, we are preparing thoroughly for the upcoming school year. Of course, the health and safety of our students and staff is uppermost in our minds. To that end, we have convened a task force composed of the school academic and operational administration, the lay leadership, and Vaad Hachinuch representation to develop protocols in conjunction with our medical advisors. While conditions may change, as of now here is some information and guidelines that will be implemented בעזרת ה' in order to provide a safe learning environment:

- **Preparation for school**
 - We anticipate a full day of regular in-school learning for the 20-21 school year א"י.
 - There will not be a back to school day. Please disregard the back to school day scheduled on the calendar and in Tidbytz. Please complete all registration and tuition arrangements online, via phone and email, or drop it off in the mailbox at the Business office 6122 N. California
 - All children must have a negative result from a qualified COVID-19 test within seven days before school starts. The school will be arranging testing on site the week before school starts. We will communicate details as soon as they are finalized. Alternatively, you may submit a negative test result of a qualified COVID-19 test to the business office at businessoffice@jdbyytt.org.
 - Meet your Moros for Nursery, Kindergarten and Pre-1A will take place as scheduled, with a limit of 8 children at a time. Schedules will be sent in mid-August.
 - Parent orientation will take place via teleconference. Details to follow.
 - Lice check will take place in the classrooms after school starts.
- **Please check your children daily for the following symptoms:**
 - Temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit within the last 72 hours, or if they have used a fever reducer in the last 72 hours to treat a temperature of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - A new cough not attributable to another health condition.
 - A new or worsening sore throat not attributable to another health condition.
 - A new shortness of breath not attributable to another health condition.
 - A recently developed complete loss of smell or taste.

Please Note: sending your children to school constitutes acknowledgement that your children have been screened that day and display no symptoms.

- If you are uncertain if symptoms are from a common cold or may be COVID related, please reach out to our nurses for guidance BEFORE you send your children to school. Our nurses will be available at 773-465-8889 x686 from 7:00 AM until the end of school.
- Busing will be available – details and registration will be distributed in the coming weeks.
- We are augmenting our nursing staff and intend to have full-time nursing staff on both the JDBY and YTT campuses as well as periodic availability in the Nursery.


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- We implore you to minimize travel as much as possible. Please limit travel to truly essential trips. All travel will be subject to the City of Chicago and CDC guidelines to determine if quarantine is necessary. We strongly recommend that you discuss any travel plans with the school administration before scheduling.
- **School environment:**
 - Masks must be worn in the building by students, staff, and visitors, at all times other than when eating or at outdoor recess. Every family should have at least 2 washable masks for each child which should be washed daily.
 - Lunch will be in the classroom, or in shifts of 50 children or less in the lunchroom. If there will be KiwiKids lunches, they will be packaged individually for each child.
 - Water fountains will be disconnected, and bottle fillers will be available. Please make sure students come with refillable water bottles or drinks.
 - We are augmenting our maintenance staff and increasing sanitizing and cleaning protocols every night and throughout the day.
 - Corridors and stairways will be marked for one-way traffic
 - The HVAC systems will be optimized to reduce the risk of airborne transmission.
 - There will be hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available in every classroom.
 - Anyone entering the building will need to pass by a temperature scanner. Anyone with a high temperature will be referred to the nurse to be sent home.
- If ch"v any child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will follow City of Chicago and CDC guidelines for disinfection and quarantine.
- Please sign the attached COVID-19 waiver and return to the business office at businessoffice@jdbytt.org or online at www.covid19.jdbytt.org

Despite the many precautions we are implementing, understandably we cannot assume responsibility for any individual's health. If you are not comfortable sending your children to school, please keep them home and be in touch with school administration for further guidance. We look forward to a healthy and successful year of learning and growth for all our talmidim and talmidos.



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