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To: JDBY-YTT Staff
From: Rabbi Yehoshua Pinkus
Date: 07/22/2020
Re: Returning to In-School Classes

Dear JDBY-YTT Staff,

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 in order to provide a safe learning environment:

- We have instituted many measures to prevent the spread of infection. While these are still being finalized, we intend to have temperature scanners at the entrances, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes widely available, increased cleaning and sanitization, social distancing, and increased nurse presence in the building. Please see the attached letter being sent to parents and we look forward to sharing more details with you at the teachers' meetings.
- All staff 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 Mrs. Union at tunion@jdbyytt.org.
- A wellness checklist and temperature check will need to be completed daily. We will be providing in-school and online options to complete the checklists.
- Masks must be worn at all times in the building.

- 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. Regretfully, days of teaching missed because of quarantine will be counted towards your vacation days unless they are included in federal, state, and local requirements for additional paid leave.
- Please sign the attached COVID-19 waiver and return to Mrs. Union at tunion@jdbyytt.org.

Despite the many precautions we are implementing, understandably we cannot assume responsibility for any individual's health. The assumption is that with all of these precautions and protocols, every staff member is returning. If you have any questions or concerns or are not comfortable working in the school environment, please be in touch with the school administration.

We look forward to a healthy and successful year of learning and growth for all our talmidim and talmidos.

Thank you,



Yehoshua Pinkus

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