



Hillel Torah
בית ספר הלל תורה

HILLEL TORAH SAFETY POLICIES 2021/2022



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Physical Health and Safety**
- **Emotional/Social Wellbeing**
 - **Academic Learning**
- **Balanced, Holistic Perspective**
- **Partnership, Working Together**
 - **Flexibility**

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Raanan Alter, Gynecology Oncology

Elana Blivaiss, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Elana Comrov, Pediatrician

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Dr. David Schreiber, Child Psychiatrist

Neeli Sudin, Family Nurse Practitioner

****The policies outlined in this document are subject to change along with the ongoing changes to medical and state guidelines. We are committed to being as flexible as possible to make all adjustments necessary to continue to provide our students with the education they need in a safe, healthy environment.****

PODS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING



Based on the CDC's recommendation that limiting close contact is the best way to limit the spread of COVID-19, we continue with distancing practices both inside the building and in outdoor spaces.

- In PN-4th grade, each grade is considered one pod.
- 5th and 6th grade are considered one pod together.
- 7th and 8th grade are considered one pod together.
- Pods can mix outdoors as an outdoor exposure is not considered "close contact."
- Indoors, students in grades K-8 are seated in class at a minimum of 3 feet apart.
- Indoors, Prenursery, and Nursery students are not required to social distance within their pods and therefore may be subject to quarantine in the event of a COVID positive case.
- Windows and doors in the classroom are kept open as much as possible.
- Teachers utilize outside spaces throughout the day when possible.

HAND HYGIENE



Hand hygiene is recognized by the CDC as one of the best ways to protect oneself from getting sick.

- Everyone in the school building will be instructed to wash or sanitize hands frequently.
 - At the start of the day
 - Before and after eating
 - Before and after sharing toys and supplies
 - After outdoor play
- There are hand sanitizer dispensers in every room in the school as well as at every entrance/exit.
- Students are taught proper hygiene techniques.
- All restrooms are outfitted with touchless toilets and urinals (new bathrooms only), sinks, paper towel dispensers, and soap dispensers.
- There are signage reminders throughout the building regarding proper hygiene and safety.

VISITORS TO THE BUILDING

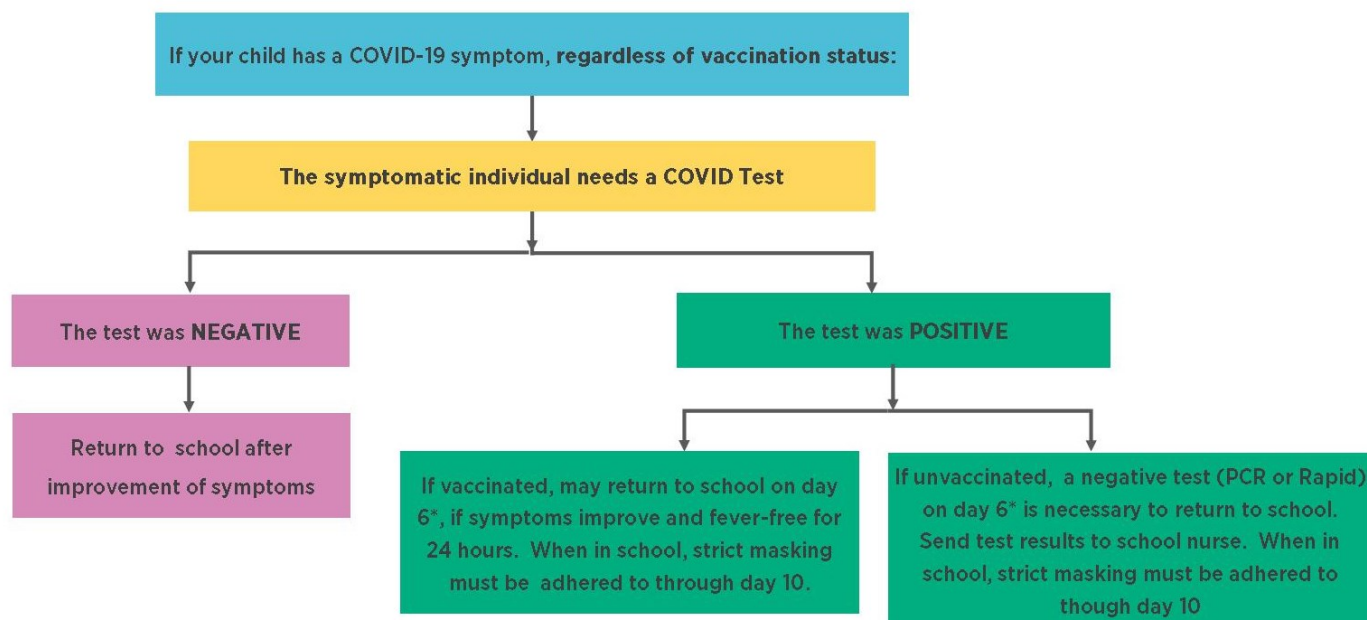
All visitors to the building regardless of vaccination status are required to wear a mask at all times while inside the building.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR PARENTS: Preventative Measures and Health Monitoring



The following symptoms will exclude students from in-person learning until Covid-19 is ruled out with a COVID test:

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| * Fever | * Vomiting | * Loss of taste and/or smell |
| * Cough | * Moderate Headache | * Runny nose/congestion |
| * Shortness of breath | * Sore throat | |
- If a child presents with any of the symptoms listed above, a negative COVID test is required to return to school, as well as a resolution of symptoms. All unvaccinated siblings will need to stay home until the test results return. Please notify the nurse via email if your child does have symptoms: nurse@hilleltorah.org
 - Vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals who are experiencing any symptoms listed above must stay home until they obtain a negative COVID test and experience improvement of symptoms.
 - In the event that a child is complaining of any of the above symptoms in school, parents will be asked to pick up all of their unvaccinated children from school.
 - When interacting with students who may be sick, the school nurse and all staff will follow CDC guidelines and precautions.
 - The parents will be notified and the student will need to be picked up.
 - The school nurse will provide parents guidance on next steps.



* The positive test date or the first day of symptoms is day 0.

Notifying the School of a COVID-19 Positive Result

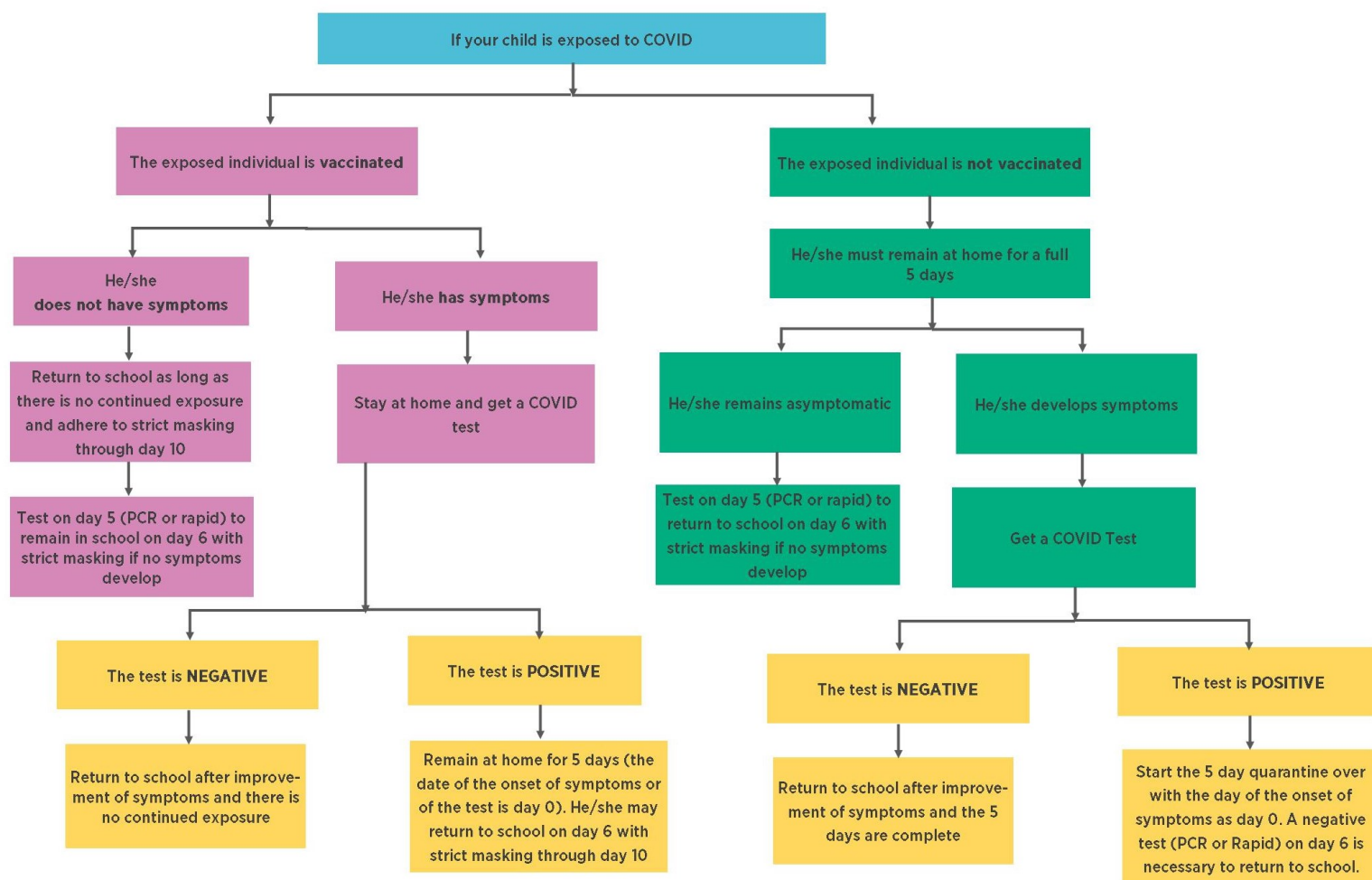
In the event you have a positive COVID case in your household, notify the school as soon as possible by emailing nurse@hilleltorah.org and write COVID POSITIVE in the subject of the email.

We ask that you notify the school first, before you inform friends and classmates. It is imperative that the school is able to obtain all of the necessary information, take the time needed to contact trace appropriately, and send out formal notifications with accurate information and instructions to the parent body to prevent misinformation spreading around the school.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR PARENTS:

Exposure and Quarantine

- The contact must occur indoors. Outdoor exposures are not considered a close contact exposure.
- Vaccinated individuals who have been exposed to Covid and are asymptomatic following the exposure can come to school as long as the positive individual in their household is isolating, the exposure does not continue and strict masking is maintained while at school. On the 5th day, the individual must get a negative Covid test (PCR or Rapid) and strict masking must be maintained while at school through day 10.
- Unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to Covid must quarantine for a full 5 days from the date of their last exposure to the positive individual (the date of the exposure is day 0). On the 6th day, the individual must get a negative Covid test (PCR or Rapid) and may return to school on day 6 with negative test results. Strict masking must be maintained while at school through day 10.
- When unvaccinated students in grades K-8 are seated in class they will not need to quarantine in the event of a positive case in their pod. This is in line with the current health guidelines and a change from last year's guidelines.



CONTACT TRACING

- In the event of a case of COVID-19 within the school community, we will inform local health departments and we will notify parents/staff who may have been exposed. We will additionally send an email to all parents/staff that there was a confirmed positive case in the school community.
- We do ask for permission to disclose the name of the individual who tested positive when informing the school community about the case. By identifying and publicizing the individual's name who tested positive, it allows for more thorough and safer contact tracing, and will hopefully also help destigmatize the virus. Of course we will only disclose this information with explicit permission from the individual that tested positive.
- Contact tracing is a tedious process that will begin immediately upon notification of a COVID positive result. The school nurse will speak to all individuals involved in order to determine who is a close contact.
- The school nurse and administration will work closely with the local health department to guide us on the level of risk in regards to community transmission and at what point we may need to take further measures.

ZOOM OPTIONS

Based on the ability to fully return to school in-person, we will not be providing a permanent zoom option for this school year.

For students in grades 1-8, in the case of COVID symptoms, exposure, or a positive COVID test that requires remaining at home, zoom will be available.

Zoom will not be available for students who must remain home for a non-covid illness or due to voluntary student travel.

TRAVEL POLICY

International travel requires a negative PCR test in order for unvaccinated individuals to return to school

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special programming such as field trips, extra-curricular activities and after school programs will be held within safety guidelines.

FLU SHOTS

In addition to our standard immunization policy, all students are required to get a flu shot prior to November 1, 2021, unless documented as medically contra-indicated.

ADMINISTRATION

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