



Temple Beth El ECC

Covid Protocols (2022-23 School Year)

Philosophy: Our cautious approach to the pandemic has not changed. At the same time, we prioritize keeping our school open and our kids in this environment as much as possible. Although we generally follow the guidelines from the CDC and the Oakland County Health Department, all Covid policies are set by the TBE leadership in consultation with our Medical Advisory Panel. Lastly, although we all hope that Covid will impact our lives less and less over time, we reserve the right to reinstate various precautions (masks, distancing, groups mixing, etc.) during the school year, if public health conditions warrant it.

Standing policies include:

- All staff must be fully **vaccinated** and have at least one booster (6 months after their 2nd shot).
- When children or families in our ECC **travel**, we encourage parents to follow the most updated guidance from the CDC, State of Michigan, and/or your personal physician.
- **Masks** are optional and welcome for our staff and for any student over 2. We maintain a selection of n95/kn95/kf94 masks on-site for anyone who needs them (as they have been proven to be more effective than cloth or surgical masks).

Covid-Positive Individuals. When someone tests positive for Covid:

- That individual must isolate for 5 days.
- They can return to the ECC after the 5-day isolation, provided they (a) exhibit no symptoms, (b) have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication, and (c) are able to properly wear a well-fitting, non-cloth mask while inside (except for eating, drinking, or napping) through day 10. If anyone is unable to meet all of those criteria, they must stay home for a full 10 days.
- Any student or staff must get clearance from ECC Director Susie Weiner before returning.

Symptoms:

- Both students and staff must stay home if they (a) have a fever, (b) have a persistent cough, or (3) exhibit multiple symptoms at the same time. Before returning to school, the individual should be symptom-free for 24 hours without medication.
- We recognize that ordinary illnesses will be present on a regular basis, so if anyone has minor symptoms (outside of fever or cough), they can submit a negative test and remain in school.
- Anyone is also welcome to visit their personal physician – if they are confident that the individual can safely return to school, even with minor symptoms (other than fever), we will accept a written note and allow them to return to the ECC.

Exposures:

- If anyone has a “confirmed exposure” to Covid, they should monitor for symptoms and wear a non-cloth mask while inside at the ECC for 10 days.
- When an individual is living in the same household with someone who is Covid positive, they will not need to quarantine unless developing any symptoms ... but must produce a negative Covid test for the first 5 days in order to return to the ECC, and must wear a non-cloth mask while inside the ECC for 10 days.

Please remember that we are all responsible for one another, and that we are all on this journey together. The better we take care of ourselves, and the more often we keep children home to rest when they aren't feeling well, the better off we'll all be in the long run. Let's work together this year to keep our community heathy and strong!

I have read the Covid Protocols and agree to follow all of these guidelines in order to send my child to the Temple Beth El for the 2022-23 school year.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____