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COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS:

Protocols for Students, Faculty, and Staff with COVID Symptoms

- Any individual having COVID symptoms (as identified by the CDC) must (1) notify the appropriate school divisional head (Early Childhood: Ms. Ruth DiGiovanni; Lower School: Rabbi Srolovitz; Middle School: Ms. Ariel Levenson; High School: Rabbi Rubin) and (2) convert to remote learning. Such individual should also seek the care of a healthcare professional.
- Such individual may return to school only after he/she (1) provides a negative COVID test result to the school nurse and (2) have been asymptomatic for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications).
- If the individual's symptoms are the result of a chronic condition (such as asthma or chronic rhinitis), the individual may be permitted to return to school after he/she provides to the school nurse (1) a negative COVID test result and (2) a written medical clearance indicating the nature of such chronic condition.
- Any student who visits the nurse's office with any COVID symptoms may be instructed to convert to remote learning on this basis. Siblings of such a student might also be asked to convert to remote learning for some period of time at the discretion of the school nurse or the Health Committee (see below Protocols pertaining to Secondary Exposure).

COVID POSITIVE:

Protocols for Students, Faculty, and Staff with Positive COVID Test

- Any individual having a positive COVID test result must (1) notify the school as soon as possible (and share all relevant information that is requested, including the date the test was administered and the date a positive result was received) and (2) convert to remote learning. Such individual should also seek the care of a healthcare professional.
- Such COVID-positive individual may return to school only (1) 14 days after the administration of the test that produced the most recent positive result, (2) after the individual has been asymptomatic for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications), and (3) on a screening day (typically Mondays and Wednesdays).

PRIMARY EXPOSURE:

Protocols for Students, Faculty, and Staff Exposed to Confirmed COVID Cases

- Any individual that experiences primary exposure to COVID must (1) notify the school as soon as possible (and share all relevant information that is requested) and (2) convert to remote learning.
- Such individual may return to school only (1) 14 days after such primary exposure, (2) after the individual has been asymptomatic for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications), and (3) on a screening day (typically Mondays and Wednesdays).
- Examples of primary exposure include:
 - Being in a pod that had a positive result to our surveillance screening test
 - Recent close contact (being within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with someone confirmed to have COVID, including a household member
 - Travel to either a US state designated on the New Jersey travel advisory list or a foreign country identified as moderate or high risk by the CDC.

SECONDARY EXPOSURE:

Protocols for Students, Faculty, and Staff Exposed to Suspected COVID Cases

- Any individual that experiences secondary exposure to COVID should (1) notify the school (and share all relevant information that is requested) and (2) comply with instructions provided by the school. The Health Committee will determine whether the individual will be asked to convert to remote learning on a fact-specific basis, and, in that event, the conditions of the individual's return to in-person learning.
- Examples of secondary exposure include:
 - An individual goes into preventative quarantine
 - A member of an individual's household goes into preventative quarantine or exhibits COVID symptoms
 - An individual attends an event that was also attended by a person who soon after tested positive, without having come into close contact with such person (Note: in the event they were in close contact, see above Protocols pertaining to Primary Exposure)

PROTOCOLS APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF AT ALL TIMES

- The school and all of its representatives will use best efforts to respect the confidentiality of all health information regarding individuals, except as needed to implement applicable health protocols.
- Any individual who qualifies for more than one of the above categories (experiencing symptoms, COVID positive, primary exposure, or secondary exposure) must comply with the most stringent of applicable requirements.
- In cases such as when an individual in a pod tests positive or exhibits symptoms soon after attending school, the Health Committee will determine whether to convert such pod to remote learning on a fact-specific basis. Similarly, if a pod converts to remote learning, the Health Committee will determine the conditions for its return to in-person learning on a fact-specific basis.

If you have any questions or if there is any uncertainty about next steps, please do not hesitate to reach out to any school divisional head for clarification. We are counting on everyone to comply with these protocols and to be fully forthcoming and transparent with the school so that we can most effectively protect the health and safety of all members of our school community.