

B'nai Israel Dr. Stuart Lessans Talmud Torah Parent/School Agreement

This Agreement includes policies to protect the health and safety of all B'nai Israel Dr. Stuart Lessans Talmud Torah students and staff, and their families during the COVID-19 period. It summarizes protocols and procedures that the Lessans Talmud Torah and all its families and staff are expected to follow to keep everyone healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 at school.

The Agreement has been developed based on July 2021 guidelines from the Maryland Department of Health, Maryland State Department of Education, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Valuable input has also been provided by the B'nai Israel Task Force members who are physicians, infectious disease specialists, and health care providers. This Agreement may be revised at any time as directives from health departments or education officials are issued, or as the Lessans Talmud Torah otherwise feels necessary.

*For this Agreement to be successful, it is important that all staff and families fully understand these policies, while also implementing safety measures at home and elsewhere, such as systematically washing hands, wearing masks, and social distancing. The health of the entire Lessans Talmud Torah of children and their families, plus staff and their families, is paramount. **Protecting us all is a shared responsibility.** Thank you for supporting your children's school and class, while also caring for all others at home.*

A. Screening: When to stay home from school

Before leaving home for school each day, parents should ensure that their child passes the screening questions below. Please check your child's temperature before leaving home.

1. Does your child have ANY of the following symptoms?

- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Fever of 100.4
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)

Though many of these symptoms can also be related to non-COVID-19 issues, it is imperative that we proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency. These symptoms can appear days after being infected, so please take them seriously.

- **IF YES**, your child may not enter school, and you need to follow these steps:
 - Please contact your child's physician. If the physician suspects COVID-19, the child should be tested immediately with an Antigen test (AKA rapid test). Please report results of this test to the Talmud Torah director.
 - The rapid antigen test must be followed by a PCR test 3-5 days after exposure.

- The child may not return to school until results of the PCR test are negative. See guideline for when to return below in section B.
2. **In the last WEEK, has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes over a 24- hour period) with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 or suspected of having COVID-19 (i.e., tested due to symptoms)?**
- **IF YES**, your child may not enter school. See guidelines for when to return below in section B.

B. When to return to school following illness or quarantine

When a child may return to school depends on whether the child was ill, diagnosed with COVID-19, or came in contact with someone ill.

1. When a child has been ill or diagnosed with COVID-19:
 - **If the child had *COVID-19-Like Illness (any symptoms listed above)* but not COVID-19** (tests negative or obtains a documented diagnosis of another specific illness or pre-existing condition), treat as a normal illness. The sick child may return when symptoms improve, and criteria met under normal communicable disease guidelines.
 - **If the child tested positive for COVID-19**, the infected child may return after at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared (or if asymptomatic, since the positive test result) AND no fever for at least 24 hours without medication AND improvement of any other symptoms.
2. When a child was not ill but had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19:
 - **If the contact tests positive for COVID-19**, the asymptomatic exposed child should be tested immediately with an Antigen test (AKA rapid test). Please report results of this test to the Education Director. This test must be followed by a PCR test 3-5 days after exposure. The child may not return to school until results of the PCR test are negative. If the results are positive, the child cannot return to school for 10 days from exposure to that confirmed case even if they have no symptoms.
 - **If the contact tests negative for COVID-19**, the asymptomatic exposed child may return without further quarantine.
 - **If the contact has another diagnosed illness** (receives a documented diagnosis of another specific illness or pre-existing condition), the asymptomatic exposed child may return without further quarantine.
 - **If the contact is neither tested nor diagnosed with another illness**, the case should be treated like a positive test. The asymptomatic exposed child may not

return for at least 10 days from the last exposure to that confirmed case even if they have no symptoms.

3. **When a child travels outside the Washington metro area and is unvaccinated, the child cannot return to school until a negative PCR test result confirms.** The child should be tested within 72 of returning home.

C. When a child becomes sick at school

- The ill child will be safely and immediately isolated in a separate space with supervision by one staff member.
- The child's parents will be notified immediately. Either a parent/guardian or emergency contact will pick up the child within 30 minutes.
- The school will follow its guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting affected materials, equipment, and other items.
- The school will contact the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, who will assist the program in identifying close contacts and additional actions to be taken, taking into account measures in place to limit exposures between classes.
- Staff and parents will be immediately notified when someone in the school has tested positive for COVID-19, as well as the types of procedures the school must follow based on the Health Department and Licensing Specialist consultations. Confidentiality for children and staff will be respected. Parents will be notified separately if their child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please sign the next page and return a scanned/photographed copy via email to the Education office prior to the first day of class. Please send to jenniferc@bnaiisraelcong.org.

Please confirm your acceptance of this Agreement and the following statements by signing below:

I understand that while present in the facility my child will be in contact with children, families, employees, and others with access to Dr. Stuart Lessans Talmud Torah, who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines or practices will remove 100% of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as the virus can be transmitted by persons who are asymptomatic and before some people show signs of infection. I understand that I play a crucial role in keeping everyone in the facility safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined herein.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at Dr. Stuart Lessans Talmud Torah ("Claims") arising from COVID-19 or related illness.

Failure to abide by this agreement may result in the child(ren)'s removal from the school.

Signature / Print name

Date

Signature/ Print name

Name of child/children