

Penn Family Early Childhood Center and Shalom Shtayim

COVID-19 Procedures as of July 24, 2023

This document is informed by guidelines and requirements from New York City, New York State, the CDC, FDA, the Park Avenue Synagogue COVID Task Force and our peer institutions. We regularly review and update these procedures as needed.

These policies only work if we are vigilant about making sure that no one comes to school with symptoms.

If... your child has any SYMPTOMS of COVID-19...

- If your child exhibits any of the symptoms that are associated with the COVID-19 virus, please keep them home and take a rapid or PCR test.
- If the test is negative, please continue to keep your child home until their symptoms are resolved.
- Call the ECC office to discuss symptoms.
- If your child has a fever or is vomiting, they may not return until symptoms resolve for 24 hours (without medication).

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 ...

- Isolate for 5 days, where day 0 is the day of the positive test.
If symptoms are **fully resolved** at the end of 5 days, your child may return to PAS on day 6 and must wear a well-fitting mask indoors, for days 6-10.
- Your child will eat more distanced from others.
- A COVID-19 test is not required to return.
- If symptoms are not resolved after 5 days, the child will remain at home until symptoms fully resolve.

If your child is a close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 in their household, including caregivers AND is ASYMPTOMATIC (if symptomatic, see above)...

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child does not need to quarantine and can attend school (as long as they continue to be symptom free).• They must have a test (rapid or PCR) each morning while there is a symptomatic person in the household.• Your child will eat more distanced from others.	
If your child has recently recovered from COVID 19 in the last 90 days	They do not need to quarantine; they do not need to test or mask.

If your child is exposed to COVID-19 outside of the household, including in the classroom, and they are fully vaccinated, masking is strongly suggested but is not required.

Educators and staff will continue to mask after any close contact exposure - be it household, classroom, or otherwise- in line with the above household exposure policy. This is as per the PAS staff policy.

A Note About Masks

- When masked, the most important variable, especially with our population, is that the masks be ones that are consistently and fully covering the nose and mouth.

Medical professionals recommend **surgical, N-95, KN-95, or KF-94 masks.**

A Note About Testing

- Currently, we do not require surveillance testing. While this policy is subject to change, we are taking this standpoint with our community of families understanding **we maintain a zero-tolerance policy with respect to symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. The decision you make for your child to remain at home can not only protect your child but also the larger community from unnecessary disruptions.**