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## **JRCC Hebrew School COVID 19 POLICY**

The JRCC Hebrew Schools are committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. This year is a challenging year, due to COVID 19. In order to maintain healthy and safety environment we established the below COVID 19 policy, aligned with the Ministry of Education in Ontario.

We want to assure you that this policy will be implemented in our schools throughout the 2020/2021 school year and will be updated according to the situation.

Clearly, the JRCC Hebrew Schools, would like to have students back in class this September learning through conventional delivery with school every week, with class sizes that reflect current regulations, with regular social interaction and extra-curricular activities.

The return to school in the fall of 2020-21 is voluntary and based on parent choice. For parents who choose not to send their child back to school, the JRCC Hebrew Schools are prepared to offer remote education on Thursdays between 5:00pm – 6:30pm, as of September 10. This option is in place for as long as public health circumstances require adapted delivery of education.

Our Staff will be provided with a sufficient training on the health and safety protocols and required adaptations before the school year begins.

### **Social Distance**

Periods of student movement should be planned to limit student congregation in the hallways. Congregation of teachers/staff should be limited to minimize potential for adult-to-adult transmission.

Students in class should sit at list 2 meters from each other. Get together as a group or for group activity should not be allowed.

Designated routes for students to get to and from classrooms.

Also provide visual cues/physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs/posters on walls, to guide appropriate distances in lines/queues and at other times (for example, guides for creating "one-way routes" in hallways).

### **Cleaning:**

Our schools should maintain cleaning program to prevent students infected by the virus:

- Frequency cleaning and disinfection working areas in class, toys, chairs tables, area rugs.
- Cleaning plus disinfection before school starts: includes washrooms (for example, toilet fixtures, faucets), eating areas (for example, tables, sinks, countertops), doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, touch screens, push buttons, handrails, computers, photocopiers, sports equipment.
- Use of shared objects (for example, education equipment, art supplies, toys, games) will be limited when possible, or the objects should be cleaned between each use.
- Staff and students must provide, age-appropriate education in proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Hand hygiene should be conducted by anyone entering the school and incorporated into the daily schedule at regular intervals during the day, above and beyond what is usually recommended (for example, before eating food, after using the washroom).
- Possible options would be to have regular scheduled hand hygiene breaks based on a pre-specified schedule at list two times a day.
- Students may need assistance or supervision

### **Bathrooms**

The JRCC Hebrew Schools ensure that bathrooms are cleaned frequently and that there is an adequate supply of soap at all times. Paper hand towels are preferable to hand dryers.

Timetable bathroom slots in the school between children to stagger use of bathrooms and should monitor physical distancing. Individual students should not be prevented from accessing bathrooms as needed.

### **Snack**

To the greatest extent possible, students should be encouraged to eat snack in their classroom with their cohort to ensure chances of contact and transmission are minimized.

Snack times should be staggered to allow students to wash hands before eating, without creating congestion in washrooms or handwashing stations.

With respect to eating and drinking at school, it is expected that:

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- Staff and students to perform proper hand hygiene before and after eating.
- Each student have their own individual snack with no common food items.
- Each student required to bring their own drink bottle that is labeled, kept with them during the day and not shared.
- Water bottles required to be filled rather than students and staff drinking directly from the mouthpiece of water fountains.
- School will remove all self-serving food items and microwave use will not be permitted.
- Multi-use utensils should be cleaned after each use.
- School will should not plan non-instructional activities that involve students in preparing or serving of food to each other.

### **Rules for personal belongings**

Personal belongings brought to school should be minimized.

Personal items being brought to school (for example, backpack, clothing, sun protection, water bottles, food) should be labeled and stored separately in cubbies/designated areas or lockers.

### **Masks**

Students from grades 4 and up must wear masks. Staff also required to wear masks.