

Torah Tots/Tamim Covid Policies 2021/22

We are planning for a wonderful year of learning and growth at Torah Tots and Tamim and are striving to maintain a normal environment for our students. Unfortunately, the past few weeks has brought a surge in COVID cases to our area. The Delta variant has brought more cases and transmission is widespread both in vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Unfortunately, children are getting sick with this variant more so than before. Our goal is to keep our students, staff, and families safe and prevent quarantines and class closures to the best of our ability.

Drop off and Pick up Procedures

Security will allow you to enter the school property and park your car. Please do not park in the synagogue circle. Early Care children should be brought to the synagogue entrance and proceed to the social hall for early care. A teacher will be there to receive your child.

Tamim students should be brought to their classrooms in the synagogue at 8:45 (earliest drop off at 8:40 am). Tamim students brought after 9am may not drop off at the classroom. Students need to be brought by their parents to the office and a staff member will bring them to their classroom.

Torah Tots students should be dropped off at their classroom doors accessed by the entrance gate. Regular school hours begin at 9 am. Classroom doors will be open at 8:55am and will remain accessible for drop off until 9:15 am. Parents are asked to drop off at the door and not enter the classroom. Masks are optional for parents. If a Torah Tots student arrives after 9:15, please proceed to the office for drop off and a staff member will bring your child to the classroom.

Please make sure to sign in and out your child using the class iPad with your designated code.

Pick up will be by carpool at the synagogue circle. **Torah Tots** students end at 3pm Monday- Thursdays and at 2:30 on Fridays. **Tamim** students end at 3:15 Mondays - Thursdays and 2:30 on Fridays. Carpool begins 10 minutes before dismissal time. (**Torah Tots** 2:50pm and **Tamim** 3:05pm, Fridays 2:20pm). Please be punctual for dismissal. Any student picked up 10 minutes or more after dismissal time will be subject to late fees as per our parent handbook.

After care children may be picked up through the school gate entrance directly from the aftercare classrooms.

Mask Policy

- The majority of our staff is vaccinated or recently recovered from Covid with natural immunity. Masks are optional for staff and students. Some of our staff choose to wear masks and some don't. We are putting this decision in the hands of our staff and families. We will support your children if you send them in masks and will do our utmost to help them keep them on. Please always have at least one spare mask in their cubby or backpack. If it becomes evident that there is in school spread, this policy will need to be re-evaluated.
- Drop off in the morning will be outside at the classroom door. Parents are asked not to enter the classrooms to prevent any possible transmission. Masks for parents are optional at this time as drop off is brief and outdoors.
- During student orientation on August 25th, we ask parents to wear masks for everyone's safety. We would like to prevent any unnecessary exposure before school begins.
- Specialists and therapists will be required to wear masks indoors when on campus.

Quarantine

- If a student or staff member is exposed to someone who tests positive for Covid, they need to quarantine per the Dept of Health guidelines. Guidelines are being revised by the Health Department and quarantines are now shorter with a negative test result. Our school will need each case cleared by the Dept of Health before a child or staff member can return.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for Covid, they will need to be in isolation for 10 days after symptoms onset or test results. This might result in that class having a temporary closure. The Dept of Health will require quarantine and testing in order for a class to reopen.

Daily Health Check Screening

- We will no longer be doing daily temperature check.
- Parents will fill out the daily health screening questionnaire for their children which will be available on the Tadpoles parent app. Every parent must install the Tadpoles Parent app on their phone. It is a free app, available on Apple and Android devices – sign in using the email that you provided to the school. This is our primary communication tool. Before arrival, click on your child's profile/drop off note and complete the health questionnaire. It will take one minute to fill out. We need your cooperation and honesty in order to keep our children and staff safe. Children will not be allowed to enter the class until it is filled out.
- If you have answered yes to any of the questions, the office will receive an alert and someone will contact you to determine whether your child can attend school that day.

The following are the questions on the Health Check Screening to be completed every day by 8:15am.

1. Does your child have a fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, congestion, diarrhea, vomiting or a cough?
2. Is anyone in your house sick with any COVID symptoms? Fever, body aches, cold, cough, vomiting?
3. Have you or anyone in your household come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19? This includes siblings/families in other schools, household help etc.? This applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
4. Is anyone in your household or someone who is in your household on a regular basis, going for Covid testing or has gotten tested within 24 hours? (not counting routine tests for work)

Illness Policy

- Any sick children and staff are required to stay home; this includes children and staff who have a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, or who are displaying symptoms including coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, chills, muscle pain, headache, a rash, diarrhea, vomiting or lethargy. Children or staff with immediate family presenting with the above listed symptoms might require clearance by a doctor, covid testing or to remain at home. The Head of School will clear each case with the individual family.
- If a child or staff shows signs of illness at school s/he will be isolated in our supervised, designated area. Parents will be notified and required to pick up their child immediately from the office. Emergency contacts will be called if your child is not picked up within 30 minutes.
- If there are siblings or members of the family with symptoms such as fever, body aches, cough etc., the school has the right to determine if the student may attend school. Testing to rule out Covid may be mandated.

If COVID-19 is confirmed in a staff member or student/Classroom Closure:

If any staff member or student has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, Torah Tots/Tamim must be notified immediately. We will notify the Health Department and follow their guidance on action and closures. All families will be notified via email if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the school and will be contacted directly by phone if your child(ren) were directly exposed.

If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your child's classroom:

- Students will be dismissed immediately and must be picked up as soon as possible.
- Staff and students should get tested 3-4 days following the last exposure to the individual that tested positive and notify the school with the results so we can continue to contract trace. (The date in which to test will be advised on a case by case basis)
- Siblings of students who are quarantining due to a positive case of COVID-19 in their class and/or other school etc. may not continue to attend school.

- Torah Tots/Tamim will provide ongoing communication with updates and other important information
We will make decisions on closures and quarantining on a case-by-case basis with guidance from medical professionals and the Florida Department of Health.

Returning to School after Illness

Any child or staff showing signs of respiratory issues (including coughing, tugging in the chest, wheezing or shortness of breath) or other COVID-19 or other illness symptoms including fever, abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, or lethargy may return to school based upon the following criteria:

- 48 hours after being symptom free, without fever reducing medication
- They may return to school if a physician establishes an alternative diagnosis and they present a doctor's note that states: "I examined _____ in my office on _____ and evaluated for _____. S/He does not have COVID-19 and is able to return to school without placing others at risk."
- Our school might require Covid testing before returning to school. Each case will be determined individually with consultation with the head of school.

In the Event of a Closure

Torah Tots: If a class or the entire school needs to be closed due to a recommendation by the Health Department or medical school advisors, the following is our procedure. If we are closed for up to 15 consecutive school days, we will move to limited virtual learning for that time as we understand that preschoolers are not able to learn virtually. Parents will be obligated to pay regular tuition for this time and teachers will be employed. After the 15 consecutive day closure of Torah Tots, parents will have their tuition payments suspended or credited to their account. At that time, virtual learning will no longer take place. We understand that this might happen more than once during the year. Each time, the protocol of up to 15 consecutive days will remain the same as above.

Tamim: Our Tamim students will have an at home comprehensive virtual learning schedule in the event of closure and tuition payments are as usual.

Class Pods

Each class will remain in their own pod while indoors. During school wide events or carpool, each class will be seated separately from each other. During outdoor play, enrichment, minicamp and early/after care, ages will be mixed.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized before use. An electrostatic sprayer will be used in the classrooms throughout the week. Staff and children will wash their hands upon arrival and after each activity or transition in addition to meal and bathroom time. Chairs, tables, doors, and common areas will be wiped down frequently throughout the day. During nap time, children's naptime mats will be placed apart. Regular deep cleaning of the entire building will be done after school hours.

Torah Tots COVID-19 Policies and Procedures Agreement

All staff and parents of students registered in our program will be required to sign the following liability waiver and sign off that they have read, understood, and will abide by the policies and procedures that have been put in place to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Covid-19 Policies and Procedures Waiver and Agreement.

I acknowledge that I have fully read, understood, and will abide by the policies and procedures (above) that have been put in place to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Failure of a family to adhere to these policies may result in exclusion from the program.

I acknowledge and agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability is intended to be, and is, a complete release of any responsibility of Torah Tots Academy, Inc for any and all illness, including COVID-19 or other communicable disease or illness.

Family Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Wishing you a Shana Tova, Ktiva V'Chatima Tova with continued good health!

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