



JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

JRC Religious School Updated Covid Guidelines Revised 09/12/2021

We are REQUIRING VACCINATION for all who are eligible. All teachers/ staff, and students.

Students will be allowed and encouraged to come remotely when they can not attend in person. We are working out the details for each class, and we will begin this hybrid setup starting Sunday the 19th.

In accordance with JRC's Covid Safety recommendations and procedures, the following are our protocols for operating school at JRC on Sundays and Tuesdays.

As we continue to monitor local, state, and national health authority guidance, any updates to this plan will be communicated directly to enrolled families via email.

If your child has symptoms of any illness or possible exposure to someone with Covid-19, do not attend class. Please contact your physician and report to Rabbi David immediately.

Mask & Entrance Policy:

- **Only students and staff in the building:** All parents and guardians must remain outside the building.
- **Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask.** Extra disposable masks will be available.
- **Everyone uses hand sanitizer** upon entering their Kitah/Classroom.
- **Contacting students and staff during school hours:**
Please contact Rabbi David directly on his cell phone at 215-495-4318 or Layhao Diep - 847-328-7678
- **Checking For Symptoms Before Sending Your Child to School:**
Parents and guardians are the first line of defense in keeping our community and students safe and healthy. Only send your student to JRC if they are well and not showing any symptoms related to Covid-19. When students arrive at school parents are attesting that they have

monitored their student's health, which means that their student doesn't exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Congestion or runny nose, cough, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or fever or chills, gastrointestinal distress, or sore throat. If your child has symptoms of any illness do not attend class.
- If your child has possible exposure to someone with Covid-19, please don't attend class.
- Has your child been kept home from school due to illness? If your child is too sick to attend school, they are too sick to attend Religious School.

Dropoff and Pickup Procedures for Outdoors at JRC:

● **Drop Off Outdoor Days:** Since we are beginning the year outdoors, please do not park in the parking lot. Either park at the Levy Center across the street from JRC and walk across Dodge, or pull up on Mulford in the curb cutout, or park somewhere in the surrounding neighborhood and walk your child to JRC. **We will meet children and families in the parking lot beginning at 9:45am. Please help us by arriving promptly, so that we can dismiss kids to their outdoor spaces in a timely and orderly fashion.**

● **Pickup Outdoor Days:** Parents again must not park in the parking lot as classes will be utilizing that space. Please park in the neighborhood, in the curb cutout on Mulford St. in front of JRC, or across the street at the Levy Center. We will release children only to their parents or any designated pick up people. Parents should be masked and walk up to pick up their child(ren). We will not allow students to walk unaccompanied across any streets.

● **Early Pickups:** Please contact Rabbi David, Layhao and your classroom teacher to arrange early pickup. We ask that you notify us ahead of time as much as you're able.

Dropoff and Pickup Procedures for Indoor Days at JRC:

● **Drop Off Indoor Days:** **We will meet children at the entrance beginning at 9:45** and dismiss by grade to classes to avoid a big rush into the building. **Please help us by arriving promptly,** so that we can dismiss kids to classes in a timely and orderly fashion.

● **Pickup Indoor Days:** Parents must remain outside of the building and not congregate indoors. We will release children only to their parents or any designated pick up people. Parents should be masked and walk up to pick up their child(ren). We will not allow students to walk unaccompanied across any streets.

Classroom Procedures:

- **Before JRC program hours**, all classrooms and other spaces we utilize will be disinfected from prior use.
- **Desks and seating:** To the extent possible, students in classrooms will be distanced by three feet minimum. Our classroom sizes allow for distancing.
- **Food and drink:** At this time, we will not provide any food or drinks during program hours. **We encourage students to eat before arriving at school. Students may bring their own labeled water bottles.** While we would like to keep eating as limited as possible during RS, if a student needs an accommodation to eat during program hours, please talk with their teacher. Our office will keep individually wrapped snacks on hand in case a student needs them. On Tuesdays, we will have an outdoor area where kids who are coming straight from school can eat safely.
- **Restrooms:** JRC will limit occupancy in the restrooms to two individuals at a time, which is half capacity.
- **Tefillah/kehillah:** All-school tefillah will be held outdoors this fall, weather dependent. We will reevaluate this on a regular basis as our school year progresses.

When a student or staff member becomes ill:

- If a staff member or student develops Covid symptoms or expresses that they feel unwell during program hours, Rabbi David will be immediately notified. In the case of a staff member, they will be sent home immediately. For a student, they will be moved to a designated sick room until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up. Before returning to school, they will need to provide proof of a negative PCR Covid Test, or wait 14 days.
- If a staff member or student tests positive for Covid-19:
 - We will inform families via email when there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the school as well as send direct notification to families of students who may have been exposed. We will consult with the JRC Covid Task Force, and in consultation with the relevant public health officials, to determine next steps regarding quarantine and switching to remote-learning.
 - The person who tested positive will need a doctor's note affirming they are clear to return to school, or a negative PCR test.