

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

מודעה ממנהלי הבית ספר

NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the NSHA Health Offices, welcome to our new school year! Please read on for important information regarding health policies for this year which may be different from previous years. As always, be sure to review the Parent-Student Handbook at www.nsha.org for the full health policy and COVID Addendum. We will continue to inform you of changes to policies as we are made aware of updates from state and local agencies:

1. Students staying home or those sent home from school due to [presentation of COVID symptoms](#) and/or fever of 100.0 F or higher may not return to school until the following criteria are met:

- The student has been completely symptom free (no symptoms consistent with COVID-19) for at least three (3) days; AND
- The parent provides documentation that includes at minimum documentation from a health care provider evaluation, **negative COVID-19 testing**, and symptom resolution; AND
- At least fourteen (14) days have passed since the later of: a positive COVID-19 test or the onset of COVID symptoms that led to the student being sent home.

NSHA requires a PCR nasal swab for COVID testing. Rapid tests are not accepted.

Click [here](#) to view the CDC Symptoms of Coronavirus

2. Ensure that you are aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 [as listed by the CDC](#). If your child presents any of the following symptoms at home, he/ she should not attend school. If the symptoms present in school, your child will be sent home: Fever of 100.0 F or above, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose and/or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea. Per the NY State mandate noted in item 1 above, your child will require documentation of COVID testing.

3. **Please note important updates to our fever policy from prior years:** A child may not return to school until it has been at least **THREE** days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine). **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she required fever reducing medicine.

4.As a reminder, all parents must take their child's temperature before coming to school and must complete the Health Screening Questionnaire on the ParentLocker Connect app no later than 7:30am.

5.Listen to your child - if your child tells you he/she does not feel well, err on the side of caution and do not send your child to school.

6.Our touchless filtered water dispensers are currently backordered. In the meantime, please ensure you send your child with plenty of water for the day.

7.Parents must ensure that all snacks and lunches sent to NSHA are nut and sesame free.

8.To ensure that all visits to the nurse's office are truly essential, please ensure your child has plenty of masks, hair ties, water and any other items that he/she may typically request from the nurse (lip balm, moisturizer etc)

Thank you for your partnership in creating a safe and healthy environment for our NSHA community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours,

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