

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

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NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Faculty,

Thank you to all our parents and faculty who attended our Town Hall meeting this week. Your presence and partnership is key to the success of our school always, but especially now.

This communication is not meant to fully recap the entire Town Hall meeting, but rather to communicate in writing the key policy updates that we shared. If you missed the meeting, we encourage you to watch it by [clicking here](#). All of these updated policies are located in the Parent-Student handbook which can be found at www.nsha.org → Quicklinks → Parent & Student Handbook.

CHANGES AND UPDATES TO NSHA COVID RELATED POLICIES

1) ACCEPTABLE COVID TESTS

Effective immediately, we will accept the following COVID tests:

A) PCR Nasal Swab

B) Abbott Rapid Test. Please note that the Abbott Rapid test is a specific type and the only acceptable form of rapid test. It can only be administered when a child is symptomatic.

C) Whenever a test is required for an individual to return to school, results must be sent to testing@nsha.org.

2) PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS EXHIBITING COVID SYMPTOMS

A) After consulting with our medical consultants and the GNPS, going forward students who are home from school with COVID symptoms can return to school following:

i. Either a negative PCR test result or an Abbott Rapid test OR

ii. A written signed letter from their pediatrician on file confirming that COVID is not suspected and an alternate diagnosis of a known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a confirmed acute illness (e.g. lab confirmed influenza, strep throat) ("Permissible Written Diagnosis"). As per the most recent DOH guidelines, a signed note from your pediatrician documenting unconfirmed acute illnesses, such as viral upper respiratory illness or viral gastroenteritis will not suffice.

iii. A student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID may not return to school until ten (10) days have passed from the date the individual took the positive COVID test and is symptom free for at least 72 hours with no medication (e.g., no Tylenol to reduce fever/symptoms).

B) In the above scenario, where the student has COVID symptoms which are not related to COVID, the child may return to school if:

i. They are fever **free for at least 24 hours** without being on fever reducing medications (e.g. Motrin or Tylenol) **AND**

ii. Have provided the school with negative test results or a Permissible Written Diagnosis.

iii. Where the pediatrician has provided a Permissible Written Diagnosis, a student may not return to school unless they are cleared to do so in writing by their pediatrician and such clearance has been provided to the school.

C) Children will no longer be required to stay home for 3 days post COVID symptoms.

D) If your child has COVID symptoms AND other members of the household (including parents) are also experiencing COVID symptoms, the child and any other children experiencing symptoms may not return to school without Abbott Rapid or PCR test or a Permissible Written Diagnosis in accordance with the above. However, any non-symptomatic siblings may attend in-person learning while the test results and/or Permissible Written Diagnosis are pending. Of course, if anyone in the household receives a positive test result, none of the children in the household can participate in person learning until the applicable quarantine period is over.

3) MANAGING COVID SYMPTOMS WITHIN A HOUSEHOLD WHERE A MEMBER IS UNDER QUARANTINE

A. Where a member of your household (children or adults) that is subject to a quarantine begins to exhibit symptoms, no household members can return to school unless the individual exhibiting the symptoms tests negative for the PCR or Abbott Rapid test once they become symptomatic or received a Permissible Written Diagnosis.

4) TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUARANTINED CLASSES

A. We have modified our testing requirements when we have a positive case in a class. Children who are quarantined as a result of a positive case in their class will no longer be required to test.

5) MASKING POLICY FOR PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

A. Per our earlier communication, students in Pre-K and K will be required to wear masks throughout the school day and will be provided with mask breaks.

6) COVID QUESTION CHANNEL

A. If you have any COVID related questions, please contact covidquestions@nsha.org. Reports of COVID positive cases within your household must be sent directly and immediately to jkobrin@nsha.org

If you have any questions about the policies as stated above, or about any of the information shared during our Town Hall meeting, please email covidquestions@nsha.org. We look forward to seeing your children back in school, God willing, on Monday.

Yours,
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