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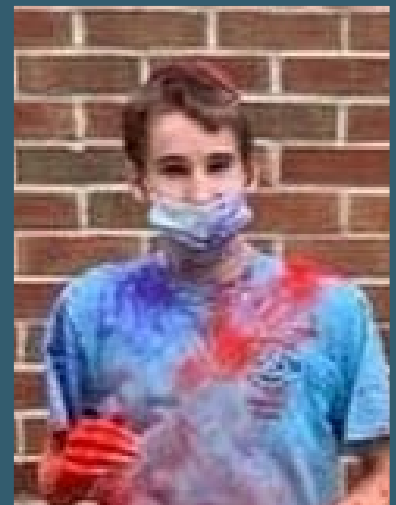


# YESHIVA SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN 2020-21

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# INTRODUCTION

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The following Reopening Plan has been created with guidance from the Federal and PA State Guidelines as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Health, OCDEL, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It was developed by the Yeshiva Schools Reopening Task Force, including our Administrative Team, Medical Advisor, Facilities Committee, Revenue Committee, Parent Reopening Committee, Human Resources Committee, Legal Advisor, and Facilities Manager. Educational administrators, teachers, staff, and parents worked to gather the best available information from health professionals, mental health professionals, government officials, and academic experts.

They partnered to create the best options for our school community based on the evidence collected, and we look forward to a successful year of growth and learning in a healthy environment .

Our team has worked to ensure that safeguards are in place to protect our students, staff, and families for the 2020-2021 school year. The following is the most recent draft of the Health and Safety Plan based on the information available on August 19Th, 2020.

The plan below is based on our collective attempt to balance our needs and aspirations as a school community and the safety of our students, educators, and staff. Because the guidance provided by health and government officials changes rapidly, our plan will have to adjust to reflect new guidance as it is released. As such, this is a fluid document that will be updated when necessary. Our goal is to implement the plan and to continuously evaluate the impact of our choices. With continued input from our school community, we will evaluate the success of our choices and make changes as educationally and medically necessary. We ask for your support and flexibility as we implement this plan in the coming year.

# PANDEMIC TEAM AND ROLES

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# THREE PLANS FOR YESHIVA SCHOOLS INSTRUCTION

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- **BRICK TO CLICK**

- If permitted by Governor Wolf and the Allegheny County Health Department, school will open for learning in our building.
- Some children will choose to learn online for health concerns or other reasons.
- students from out of town will attend school online until after the Yomim Tovim.
- Students who are not feeling well will be able to attend school online until they are feeling better.
- Teachers who are not feeling well will be able to teach their class online, and students can attend the class from the school building on their Chromebooks.

- **CLICK TO BRICK**

- If we determine that having most children in the school building at one time is not working out, we can move to this model where some children attend in the school buildings and other children attend primarily on Zoom.
- Younger children will be given priority to attend school in the building as this will allow working parents to go to work without worrying about watching their young children at home.
- If older students are attending school primarily on Zoom, we will offer opportunities to gather each class in person for social experiences.

- **CLICK**

- If by order of Governor Wolf, Allegheny County, the PA Department of Health or other authoritative agency, we will move school completely online.
- Teaching will be conducted on the Zoom platform.
- New schedules will be created for Zoom learning, but they will resemble the schedules used by Yeshiva Schools after Pesach of 2020.
- We will return to the building to offer in-person instruction as soon as we are legally permitted to and we deem it is safe to do so.

## COMMUNICATION

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- The Yeshiva Schools Reopening Plan will be posted on the Yeshiva Schools website at [www.yeshivaschools.com/covidupdate](http://www.yeshivaschools.com/covidupdate).
- Rabbi Rosenblum will hold regular parent meetings via Zoom to update parents on progress and developments in Yeshiva Schools.
- Yeshiva Schools will provide updates to parents on any changes made to the Yeshiva Schools Reopening Plan via email and Zoom parent meetings.
- CDC signs will be posted in highly visible locations throughout the buildings to promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs in ways that are easily understandable for both children and adults.

## STAFF TRAINING

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- Professional development may occur online or on campus, depending on the current Allegheny County guidelines for public gatherings. In the case of on campus professional development, social distancing guidelines, mask guidelines, staggered schedules, and other mitigation efforts will be observed.
- Shawn Brokos, Director of Security of the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, will conduct security training for all staff before the opening of school.
- Staff will receive professional development training on COVID-19 mitigation practices and all health and safety school guidelines.
- Any time-sensitive updates to information in the Yeshiva Schools Reopening Plan will be communicated to staff via email, WhatsApp, and/or Zoom meetings before the staff enters the building.
- Additional professional development was added in August 2020 as an integral part of the Yeshiva Schools Reopening Plan.
- Staff will receive training on addressing the social and emotional needs of the students, faculty, and families, They will additionally receive training on implementing quality educational techniques for both in-person and online instruction.

# ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

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- Arrival at each building will be staggered to allow for social distancing.
- Arrival and dismissal procedures are still being revised and will be communicated to families before the first day of school.
- Students, families, and staff will maintain social distancing and wear face coverings during arrival and dismissal. If a student's health screen is being conducted, staff facilitating the screening will wear both face shields and cloth face coverings.
- TELC students may arrive at school between 8:10 am and 8:40 am and will enter using the top Denniston door or the Forbes door, depending on where their classroom is situated. A TELC staff member will escort the TELC children into the building and directly to their rooms.
- Girls 1st - 4th will attend school at 1700 Beechwood Boulevard. They may arrive at the building between 8:10 am and 8:40 am and will enter through the main door of the building. Arrival instructions will be clarified with parents prior to the start of school.
- Girls 5th - 8th will arrive at school between 8:40 am and 9:00 am and will enter using the top Denniston door or the Forbes door, depending on where their classroom is situated. School will begin at 9:00 am. If due to arrival times for other children, you need to drop your 5th - 8th grader off early, they may enter the school at the Forbes door between 8:10 and 8:40. Students arriving early will go straight to the gym and remain with their class, socially distanced from other classes. They will be supervised by a staff member and can go to their classroom at 9:00 am.
- Girls High School students will arrive at school between 7:45 am and 8:00 am and will use the top Denniston door. There will be a 10 minute grace period until 8:10 am for students who are running late. If high school students are running later than an 8:10 arrival, they need to wait until 9:00 to come to school.
- Boys 1st- 6th grade will arrive at school between 8:15 am and 8:45 am in two fifteen minute shifts using the Boys School front door.
- Boys 7th-11th grade may arrive at school by 7:30 am and will enter using the Boys School front door or the Wightman lunch room door. Exact arrival times and locations will be assigned before the start of school.
- Boys High School will arrive at school by 8:45 am until the Yomim Tovim and will enter using the Boys School front door. After the Yomim Tovim, Boys High School will arrive by 7:30 am.

- Parents who walk their children to school are asked to wear masks, remain outside of the building, and maintain social distancing at all times.
- TELC dismissals will be from 11:50 am-12:00 pm, 1:50 pm-2:00 pm, 2:40 pm-3:00 pm, and 3:40 pm-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and from 11:50 am - 12:00 pm or 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm on Friday, depending on your child's enrollment hours.
- Girls 1st - 4th dismissal will be from 3:40 pm - 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and from 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm on Friday at 1700 Beechwood Blvd.
- Girls 5th - 6th dismissal will be from 3:40 pm - 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and from 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm on Friday at the Forbes door.
- Girls 7th - High School dismissal will be at 4:25 pm Monday-Thursday, and at 1:30 pm on Fridays
- Boys 1st - 6th dismissal will be from 3:40 pm - 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and from 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm on Friday.
- Boys 7th - 8th dismissal will be at 4:20 pm Monday-Thursday and from 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm on Friday.
- Boys High School dismissal will be at 5:30 pm Monday-Thursday and at 1:30 pm on Fridays.
- Arrival and dismissal at Yeshiva Schools will be monitored by a professional security guard at all three locations.
- All staff, families, and essential visitors must comply with the screening protocols outlined in the "Monitoring for Exposure" section of this plan.
- Carpooling and riding on a school bus are discouraged because doing so compromises family and classroom pods. Riding in a car or bus with someone found to have COVID constitutes an exposure and would require a 14 day quarantine.
- The school districts have mandated social distancing and COVID safety protocols while riding the bus, such as required mask wearing, etc. For more details, please reach out to Mrs. Ashirah King.

## ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS

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- Until further notice, there will be no parents, guardians, or other guests permitted inside the school buildings during school hours. All meetings with teachers or administrators should be conducted remotely and by appointment.
- All essential services provided by outside agencies must schedule their visits in advance and must adhere to the Yeshiva Schools screening procedure before



entering the building. As of this date, itinerant services from the IU and Early Intervention will be offered in our building.

- Deliveries will be left outside of the building, and delivery people may not enter the building.
- Exceptions to this policy due to medical conditions or other circumstances will be made on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with security personnel and the appropriate administrator.

## MONITORING FOR EXPOSURE

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- All staff, students, and essential visitors will be screened for COVID-19 prior to entering the building.
- Parents will be required to fill out a daily health screening form in the morning before their children will be admitted to school. The questionnaire will be in the form of an electronic document. Parents will need to answer questions about symptoms and potential contact with COVID-19 infected individuals. Questions will be addressed to everyone in the household, including parents, students, and other residents. If the school has not received the form before the student is scheduled to arrive for the day, the student will remain outside of the building until the parent sends the completed form and it has been reviewed. More information about this form will be shared with the parents before the start of school.
- TELC students will have their temperature taken with a non-touch thermometer before entering the building.
- Staff and essential visitors will be required to fill out a daily health screening form in the morning before arrival, or before entering the building. TELC staff will also need to take their temperatures.
- Any staff member, student, or essential visitor found to have a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be sent home immediately.
- No staff member, student, or essential visitor may enter school if they exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
- Students who have a family member suspected of having COVID-19 must remain at home until there is a definitive diagnosis for that family member. If the family member is determined by a doctor not to have COVID-19, the student may return to school if they are not displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and they satisfy the requirements for returning to school of the Yeshiva

Schools Illnes Policy (which can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook).

- Social distancing will be maintained during the daily entry process, and face coverings must be worn.
- Families and staff members who plan to travel to another state must fill out a form and submit it to Yeshiva Schools in the week before they travel. The form will be reviewed by a team of medical consultants, and a decision will be made about whether a 2 week quarantine will be required before the students or staff can return to school.
- Families and staff members who attend a gathering of more than 25 people will notify Yeshiva Schools in the daily questionnaire regarding their social distancing and COVID precautions during the event. Their answer will be reviewed by Yeshiva Schools, and they will be notified if further action needs to be taken.
- New attendance policies are in the process of being developed to encourage sick students and staff to remain home.
- When a child is absent, families will be required to notify the school of the student's absence and the reason by a designated time each day.
- Yeshiva Schools will protect the privacy of all medical information for students and staff.

## MASKS

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- As per the Secretary of the PA Department of Health's order of July 1, 2020, and with clarification for school from the Department of Education, and until further notice:
  - ▶ All adults are required to wear a face covering while in Yeshiva Schools
  - ▶ All children (2 and over who are capable of removing their own mask) are required to wear a face covering while in Yeshiva Schools
- Face coverings may be removed by students when at least 6 feet apart and eating or drinking and during outdoor recess when students can maintain 6 feet of social distancing. In addition, students will be given 10 minute mask breaks when students are sitting at their desks and are 6 feet apart. Teachers will be mindful to give students face covering breaks during the day when these conditions are met.
- Yeshiva Schools will provide a "bubble" around each teacher's desk. This bubble will be constructed of thick plastic sheeting and will act as a solid barrier between the teacher and the students when the teacher is in front of

the class at his/her desk. Teachers can remove their masks to teach if they are standing behind this “bubble” and can maintain 6 feet of social distancing from the students. When teachers (or students) move around the classroom, teachers will wear their face mask.

- Yeshiva Schools asks that students bring their own face coverings to school, and we will provide face shields and/or cloth face coverings to staff. Yeshiva will have a limited supply of masks on hand to supplement forgotten or lost student masks.
- Exceptions to this requirement due to medical considerations or other circumstances will be made on a case-by-case basis by Yeshiva Administration in conjunction with physicians, parents, and mental health professionals.
- Education will be provided to the staff and students on the proper use of face coverings to cover the nose and mouth, how to maintain hand hygiene when removing face coverings, and for replacing and maintaining (washing regularly) face coverings.
- Students will be given paper bags in which to store their masks when they take them off to eat, and staff will help young children put their masks back on, if necessary.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

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- Adults within the school should attempt to maintain a distance of 6 feet from other people as much as possible.
- Yeshiva Schools will limit the number of students and adults in classrooms and arrange seating based on social distancing guidelines (6 feet of separation throughout the day and desks facing the same direction) to the maximum extent possible.
- Classes will be considered “pods,” and to prevent cross-group exposure, students will remain with their pods throughout the day, as much as possible.
- When feasible, students will remain in their classrooms with their pods, and teachers will move from class to class. Teachers will wash hands before entering the classroom.
- To limit the student cross exposure, hallway lockers will not be used. Students will use in-class containers for their possessions, and coats will be hung either on in-class hooks or coat racks.
- Student room placement and desk placement is being evaluated to aid with social distancing in the classroom.

- Large traditionally communal spaces and outdoor spaces may be used as classrooms to allow for larger socially distanced groups of students. If different classes enter large spaces simultaneously, class pods will be socially distanced from other class pods.
- Yeshiva Schools will safely provide for regular opportunities for physical education, outdoor play, and recess for students. When in communal or outside recess areas, physical dividers will be installed (or markings on the floor will be used) to ensure classes maintain social distancing from other classes. Classes will have their own recess equipment to avoid crossover contamination. Yeshiva Schools playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitized between group uses.
- Restroom occupancy will be limited, and classes will be assigned the use of specific restrooms. Students will follow social distancing guidelines when transitioning to the restroom.
- No full school or large group gatherings will be held in person. Whenever possible, virtual group events and meetings will replace traditional gatherings.
- All students will eat lunch or snack in their classrooms or outside. No food will be served family style, and all staff handling food will wear masks and gloves.
- In keeping with State, Federal, and CDC recommendations in place at this time, Yeshiva Schools will not be conducting field trips. Yeshiva Schools will continue to evaluate the possibility of large group field trips during the 20-21 school year as the COVID-19 situation evolves and will update parents if guidance on field trips changes.
- Arrival and Dismissal procedures have been designed to maximize social distancing and can be found under the Arrival/Dismissal section of this plan.

## HYGIENE

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- All students, staff, and essential visitors must use hand sanitizer or wash hands with soap and water before/upon entering the building.
- Hand sanitizer (with at least 60 percent alcohol) will be available at the entrance of the building, throughout the building, and in classrooms (out of reach of children). Faculty and students will be instructed on the location and proper use of hand sanitizer.
- Additionally, students and staff will wash hands before and after eating, after recess, after blowing one's nose, after using the restroom, and before and after changing a diaper. Hand washing will be built into the school schedule.
- Water fountains have been disabled, and students will be encouraged to use

water bottles throughout the day.

- Signs will be posted on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 (properly washing hands, promoting every day protective measures, and properly wearing a face covering) in visible locations throughout the building.
- All staff will receive training on Yeshiva School's COVID-19 health and safety protocols and requirements. Staff will reinforce all protocols with the students in age-appropriate ways throughout the school day.
- Students will be taught proper hand washing techniques (washing with soap and water for 20 seconds).
- Yeshiva Schools will share information with our parents and staff about health and hygiene as information is updated by the CDC, the Allegheny County Health Department, and the PA Department of Health.
- Yeshiva Schools staff will carefully monitor hygiene supplies, including face coverings, soap, tissues, hand sanitizer, and paper towels to ensure adequate inventory in classrooms, restrooms, and other relevant areas throughout the school.
- In addition to supplies provided by the school, students may be asked to supply some of these hygiene items from home at the beginning of the school year (such as tissues) and may be asked to replenish them throughout the year, if needed.

## **CLEANING, DISINFECTING, AND VENTILATION**

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- The Yeshiva Schools maintenance staff cleaned and sanitized the school buildings after we closed for the school year in March of 2020. They recleaned and sanitized after the end of Camp Gan Izzy.
- Yeshiva Schools maintenance staff, with the help of teachers in the classrooms, will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the school on a regular scheduled basis throughout each day. This includes door and sink handles, railings, light switches, shared computer keyboards, etc.
- Outdoor playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular scheduled basis.
- Toys will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each day. Toys that are put in a child's mouth will be removed immediately after the child finishes with the toy and washed and sanitized before being reintroduced to the classroom.

- Yeshiva Schools will make every effort to limit the amount of touching of shared equipment. When possible, staff will clean and disinfect the equipment between uses.
- Individual classrooms, offices, and communal spaces will be cleaned at the end of every day.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day on a regularly scheduled basis.
- All cleaning supplies used by Yeshiva Schools are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use against COVID-19.
- Most Yeshiva Schools classrooms have windows, and staff will be encouraged to keep them open for increased ventilation. Rooms without windows are being reviewed in order to plan for ways to increase ventilation and the circulation of clean air into the rooms.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOARDERS

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- High school dorms will open for students who board after the Yomim Tovim.
- Yeshiva Boys High School will conduct classes on Zoom to accommodate the out-of-town boys until they arrive. In-town high school boys will attend classes on Zoom while in the physical Yeshiva Schools building.
- Yeshiva Girls High School will conduct classes in-person in the building and will make accommodations to enable out of town girls to attend on Zoom until they arrive.
- Each dorm will be considered a household. In this way, the boarders can relax the requirements for masks and social distancing when in their own dorm. Additional boarders may be added to the household on a case-by-case basis.
- The dorms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- If a boarder needs to quarantine due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a direct exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19, the dorm will quarantine together. They can return to school when they have satisfied the requirements set forth by the CDC for ending self-isolation, which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.

## PROTECTING AT RISK GROUPS

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- Yeshiva Schools will continuously review the PA State and Allegheny County statistics regarding COVID-19 transmission in our community.
- Yeshiva Schools will follow the State, County, and CDC recommendations made in response to local COVID-19 conditions.
- Families who have students or household members in a high-risk health category should speak to their doctor about returning to school in person in the fall. Parents whose 1st-12th grade children cannot return to school based on the child's or family's health concerns may learn on an online platform throughout the year. Details of this plan are still being developed.
- All families who have concerns about their child returning to school in person for **any** reason will have the option of having their child learn on an online platform throughout the year. Details of this plan are still being developed.
- Our goal is to provide every child with a Chromebook to use while learning online with Yeshiva Schools.
- Staff who are in a high risk category should speak to their doctor about returning to work in person. Staff who are in a high risk category and who choose not to return in person, should speak to their supervisor about possibly working remotely.
- In order to best protect our students and staff, parents whose children present with possible COVID-19 symptoms should not send their children to school. Children should remain at home until it is clear through either testing or the disappearance of symptoms that the child is no longer sick. Students who are at home should work with their administrator to arrange to learn online until they can return to school.
- In order to best protect our students and staff, staff members who present with possible COVID-19 symptoms should stay home until it is clear through either testing or the disappearance of symptoms that the staff member is no longer sick. Teachers who are at home should work with their administrator to explore the possibility of teaching from home until they can return to school.

## ILLNESS RESPONSE

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- Students, staff, and essential visitors should remain home if they or anyone in their households are ill with COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- They can return to school when they have satisfied the requirements set forth

by the CDC for ending self-isolation, which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.

- Students, staff, and essential visitors should remain home if they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed case. They should quarantine for 14 days from the known date of exposure or until the person they suspected had COVID-19 gets a negative test result. If they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19, they should self-isolate and follow the guidance of the CDC regarding what to do if you are sick, which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>. They can end self-isolation when they can satisfy the CDC requirements found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>.
- Families, staff, and essential visitors must notify the school of any positive cases of COVID-19 in their households or if anyone in their household has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- Staff and essential visitors who become ill at Yeshiva Schools with COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home immediately along with their household members at Yeshiva Schools who are considered close contacts.
- If a student becomes ill at school with COVID-19 symptoms, the child will be taken by a staff member to a predesignated isolation room. Parents will be called and asked to pick up the child right away. Please respond to calls from Yeshiva Schools during the day in case we are calling to report a sick child who needs to go home.
- If a child needs to go home from school with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, the household members of the sick child will also be sent home as they are considered close contacts. The household members will need to remain at home until the child has received either a negative test for COVID-19 or a note from their doctor definitively saying the illness is not COVID-19. If the illness is indeed COVID-19, they should follow the CDC guidelines referenced above.
- If the school is notified of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in a child or staff member who was in school, the following steps will be taken.
  - ▶ Yeshiva Schools will call the Allegheny County Department of Health to inform them of the positive case and to get guidance on how to proceed.
  - ▶ Families and staff will be informed of the positive case without revealing the name of the person with the diagnosis in order to protect their privacy.
  - ▶ All areas that the student/staff occupied will be closed for 24 hours or as



long as the Health Department advises.

- ▶ After 24 hours (or longer if the Health Department advises), the rooms will be cleaned, sanitized, and ventilated as recommended by the Department of Health and CDC guidelines.
- ▶ The school will identify close contacts (those who were within 6 feet of the diagnosed person for at least 15 minutes) of a person with the probable confirmed case of COVID-19 from the period 48 hours before the symptom onset to the time at which the person was isolated.
- ▶ Close contacts will be notified and should follow CDC guidance for quarantine or isolation as found in the CDC guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>.
- Students, staff, essential visitors and close contacts may return to Yeshiva Schools after following the timeline determined by the Health Department and/or outlined in the CDC guidance found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>. The Head of Schools must be notified by 3:00 pm of the day prior to the return to school to ensure the appropriate criteria have been met.
- When medical questions arise, Yeshiva Schools will consult with our medical consultant, Dr. Chaim Oster, for guidance. The privacy of all staff, students, and essential visitors will be protected during these consultations.

## PHYSICAL MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

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- All students' belongings, such as backpacks, jackets and other outerwear, and lunches must be separated from other students' belongings and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or other areas to be determined. Families are asked not to send unnecessary personal items to school with their children.
- Yeshiva Schools will ensure that there are adequate supplies to minimize the sharing of high-touch materials as much as possible (e.g. textbooks, art supplies, science equipment, gym equipment, etc.) or limit the use of supplies and equipment to one group of students at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.
- Yeshiva Schools aims to provide a Chromebook to every student for use during this school year. Care of this device is the responsibility of the students and their parents, and its usage is governed by the applicable Yeshiva Schools technology policies and restrictions.

## MEALS

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- All food provided by Yeshiva Schools, such as TELC snack or PreK Counts lunches, will be delivered to students in their classrooms, and no food will be served family style. Food for PreK Counts will be plated for each child by a staff member wearing gloves and a mask.
- All students should bring a reusable water bottle to and from school each day to be used and refilled during the day. Water bottles will be kept in a student's designated space (desk, cubby, etc.).
- Children and staff will wash hands before and after meals and snacks. All staff who deal with food will wear masks and gloves when handling the food.
- Students and staff can remove their masks to eat, and masks will be secured in a safe place where other people can not mistakenly interact with them. Younger students will be given paper bags in which to store their masks while they are eating, and will be given help, if necessary, to put their masks back on.

## YESHIVA SCHOOLS CALENDAR

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- The Yeshiva Schools Calendar has been designed to accommodate both online and in-person instruction.
- Meetings and conferences have been scheduled on Zoom to ensure social distancing between parties.
- Many events have been listed with their dates and times "TBA" as the conditions regarding COVID-19 in Allegheny County cannot be predicted. As we approach the dates for these events, we will announce the location, dates, and times to the parent body after taking into consideration the guidelines at that time from Governor Wolf, the Allegheny County Health Department, and the CDC.

