

The health and safety of our children, families and staff is our top priority. Everyone has a role in making sure our preschool community is as safe as possible. We can reduce the spread of COVID19 by social distancing, wearing face coverings, and performing everyday preventive actions. These policies were structured to minimize risk to staff and students and follow all DCF guidelines. We will continue to monitor current information from health officials and will update protocol/procedures as necessary. Remember, the more people a student or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID19 spread.

Here are the changes you will see at Beth Chaim this September:

General

- All staff and students will be screened daily for fever and other COVID19 symptoms before entry into the building. Staff and students with a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or exhibit other symptoms of COVID19, will not be allowed to enter the building. Staff and students who have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID19 in the past 14 days will also not be admitted.
- Only Pre-School staff and students will be allowed in the building. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building during operating hours, with the exception of emergency or law enforcement personnel in their official capacity, and the Department of Children and Family personnel for child protection or childcare licensing purposes.
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered to prevent crowding.
- Teachers are required to wear facial coverings while working.
- Children will be encouraged to wear facial coverings while in the building and will be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently. Face coverings will not be used when eating or sleeping.
- Teachers and students shall practice frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds. They will be required to wash their hands upon arriving at the building, when entering the classroom, before meals, or snacks, after outside time, going to the bathroom, and prior to leaving for home.
- Class groupings shall not exceed 10 students. There will be no interactions between the classes. Teachers are assigned to one class and will remain with one class during hours of operation.
- Outdoor play will be staggered in shifts to maintain separation of classes. Playground equipment will be thoroughly disinfected between uses.
- Social distancing will be supported in the classroom and outside. Sharing of food, toys and supplies will be strictly limited.
- The school will ensure an adequate supply of school, art, and other supplies to preclude the need for sharing of items. Children's belongings will be kept in separate individual storage bins or cubbies and sent home each day for washing.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation practices have been implemented. Toys and items not easily cleaned or disinfected will not be utilized at the school. Children who bring such items (soft or plush toys) from home may be utilized if they are not shared and returned home each day for washing.
- Toys that children have placed in their mouths or are contaminated by body secretion or excretion will be set aside until they are cleaned and sanitized by a person wearing gloves.
- Close person to person contact will be strictly limited and discouraged.
- School will ensure that HVAC systems continue to be maintained and operational. Windows will be opened frequently to allow fresh air flow.

Screening, Admittance and Pick Up

- Drop off will begin at 8:50am, please pull up to the rotunda entrance. If there is a car in front of you, please wait until that family has completed their check-in procedures before exiting your car with your child.
- One person shall bring their child/children into the rotunda entrance. The adult and child must be wearing a facial covering. A teacher will come to the glass door and complete a health screening questionnaire, visibly inspect your child for signs of illness (redness, shortness of breath, etc.) from behind the entry door. The teacher will reach around the door and the child's temperature will be checked before admittance to the building. Children and families that answer no to all health screening questions and have a temperature under 100.4 will be admitted. Any child exhibiting signs of illness or has a fever at or above 100.4 will be denied entry. We ask that the same parent drop-off and pick-up the child each day.
- Children will wash hands immediately upon entering the building and before going to their classroom.
- Children who exhibit signs of illness during the day will be removed from the class and will stay in an isolation room until they are picked up. A parent (or authorized emergency contact) will be called and asked to pick the child up within 30 minutes.
- Parents can start arriving at 12:50 pm for pick-up at 1:00 pm, or 3:50 for pick up at 4:00 pm. Your child will be brought to you in the rotunda. One parent at a time will enter the rotunda for pick-up. This adult should be the same person who dropped off in the morning, the adult must be wearing a mask.
- Please call the office at 609-799-9401 if there are any schedule changes.

Response Procedures for COVID19 Symptoms or Exposure

- Any confirmed or suspected exposure to COVID19 occurring at Beth Chaim will immediately be reported to West Windsor Department of Health and the DCF Office of Licensing. Health Officials will provide direction on whether the school should cease operations following the identification of a positive case in the school. The duration may be dependent on staffing levels, outbreak levels in the community and severity of the illness in the infected individual. Symptom free students and staff should not attend or work at another school during the closure.
- Students or staff who have symptoms consistent with COVID19 will be sent home or denied entry to the school.
- A room has been designated to isolate individuals who become ill while in school.
- Students and staff who develop a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing while in school will be placed in the isolation room and must wear a face mask until they can be sent home.
- The parent will be contacted via phone to pick up the child from school. **Parents must be able to pick up the child immediately upon notification of illness.**
- Students sent home will be advised to follow "What to Do If You Are Sick" (see separate attachment or make hyperlink).
- When an individual tests positive for COVID19, the school will immediately notify the West Windsor Health Department, staff, and families of a possible or confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality.

Students and Staff with Suspected or Confirmed COVID19

- If staff or student do not pass the entry health screening, they will be denied entry. Those who develop symptoms consistent with COVID19 while in school will be sent home.
- COVID19 symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever (100.4 degrees F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other signs of new illness that are not related to a preexisting condition (such as seasonal allergies).

- A **suspected case** is a person who shows symptoms of COVID19 (but has not yet been tested or is waiting for test results). A **confirmed case** is a person (with or without symptoms) who received a positive test result from a COVID19 test.
- The isolation and quarantine information below will be used to determine when the staff or student may return to school.

<p>Individuals who have symptoms of COVID19 and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have tested positive (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing) OR • Have not been tested (i.e. monitoring for symptoms at home) should stay away from others until: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared AND • They have had no fever for at least 72 hours (3 full days without the use of medicine that reduces fever) AND • Other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved)
<p>Individuals who have NO symptoms and have tested positive should stay home and away from others until:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days have passed from the collection date of their positive COVID19 diagnostic test AND they have not developed symptoms.
<p>Individuals who have symptoms and have tested negative should stay home and away from others until:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 72 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve.
<p>Individuals who are identified as a close contact* should:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last date of exposure with the person, even if the contact tested negative.

***Close contact is defined as being 6 feet for at least a period of 10 minutes**

- If the suspected or confirmed case of COVID19 infection occurs in **one class** within the school, the ill person will be sent home.
 - * Other staff and students in the class would be considered close contacts of that class and must be quarantined in their homes for 14 days.
 - * Parents/guardians and staff should be informed of the situation.
 - * The CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection will be followed.
- Other classes within the school will continue to function, with daily and vigilant screening for illness and social distancing and personal and environmental hygiene measures strictly adhered to.
- If suspected or confirmed cases occur in **multiple classes** within the school, then all classes within the school need to be suspended
 - *The school may need to temporarily dismiss students and staff for 2-5 days, if a student or staff member attended school before being confirmed as having COVID19. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the West Windsor Health Department to gain better understanding of the COVID19 situation impacting the school, perform contact tracing and cleaning and disinfecting the school.