

FACILITIES

Sanitation:

The School Building:

- The entire temple building has been thoroughly cleaned during the summer months.
- Each day the classrooms and toys will be cleaned and then sanitized with the electrostatic spray (approved by the CDC) that kills Covid19.
- The children's bathrooms will be cleaned 4 times a day.
- Our air is circulated through Hepa filters (MERV 14) which meets hospital air requirements.
- They will be inspected every 2 weeks for cleanliness and replaced if needed.
- The central air system automatically turns on at 7am and off by 4pm. 25% of the air in the building is continually replaced with fresh air from the outside. At the same time, 25% of the recirculated air supply is vented out through the exhaust system. This system also has an economizer cycle which allows us to change this percentage if guidelines are revised.
- Whenever possible windows will be kept open.
- The playground equipment, as well as equipment in Blumenthal, will be cleaned and sanitized between classes.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building.
- We will use space on the 9th floor roof for outdoor lessons.
- Additionally, we will use a semi-enclosed space on the 7th floor for lessons.
- We have tripled the indoor play space in Blumenthal.

The Classrooms:

- All soft toys and costumes will be removed from the classrooms.
- Children will wash hands when they enter the classroom, before eating, after bathroom use, between activities, and at the end of the day.
- A change of shoes as well as two changes of clothing must be left in school.
- The school will provide each child with their own small plastic case filled with crayons, markers, scissors, glue, and colored pencils to avoid sharing materials.

Other rooms and equipment:

- The library and kitchen will be closed to communal use.
- The water fountain will be closed.

Operations

Face Masks:

- All parents, caregivers, teachers must wear face masks at all times.
- Children must wear face masks when entering and exiting the building.
- Children will be strongly encouraged to wear masks throughout the day. Mask breaks will be given when classes are outside.
- We suggest that parents help their children practice mask wearing before school.

Health Checks:

- All students and staff will need to complete and pass a health screening before coming to school.
- Families will receive this text each morning.
- If a child does not pass the health screening, they may not come to school.
- If you forget to complete the electronic screening, a paper form will be available at the security desk.
- Temperatures will be checked again upon entering the building.
- If it is medically necessary for a child to stay home, a doctor's note will be required before the child's return to school.

Health Screening questions:

1. Have you or anyone in your household knowingly been in close contact in the last 24 to 48 hours with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has had the symptoms of COVID-19? (Close contact means 15 minutes of exposure within 6 feet, and/or the infected or potentially infected person is someone you currently live with and/or is someone with whom you have daily interaction).
2. Have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
3. Have you or anyone in your household experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Have you or anyone in your household traveled internationally, or to a state on the NYS "must quarantine" list in the past 14 days?

Guidelines for COVID-19 Exposure:

- In the event that a parent/guardian of a child must be isolated because they have tested positive for, or exhibited symptoms of, COVID-19, that parent/guardian cannot enter the site for any reason, including picking up their child.
- If the parent/guardian – who is a member of the same household as the child– is exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or has been tested and is positive for the virus, we will call an emergency contact authorized by the parent to come pick up the child. As a "close contact," the child must not return to school for the duration of the quarantine.
- If the parent/guardian – who is a member of the same household as the child – is being quarantined as a precautionary measure, without symptoms or a positive test, we will walk out or deliver the child to the parent/guardian at the boundary of, or outside, the school. As the parent/guardian has not been in direct contact with someone with Covid-19 but is a "contact of a contact" the child may return to school.
- If a child or their household member becomes symptomatic for COVID-19 and/or tests positive for COVID-19, the child must quarantine and may not return or attend school until after quarantine is complete.

Isolation:

- If a child becomes ill during the school day, they will be brought to room 303. They will be given a mask to wear if they are not already wearing one. The adult who is picking up the child should enter at 1 E. 65th Street.
- In order to return to school, we will need a note from your child's pediatrician.
- CDC guidelines state that if someone is suspected of having Covid-19 we must call the New York State tracing department who will advise of necessary actions to take.

INSTRUCTION

- Prior to the start of school, children will be introduced to their teachers via Zoom. This will allow the children to see their teachers faces without masks.
- Groups of approximately 4 children at a time will visit the classroom before school begins. One adult for each child will also be allowed to sit in the room.
- YOU WILL BE EMAILED A SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK FOR BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS FROM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.
- Class sizes may be no more than 15 students.
- If a class is over 15 students, the Department of Health mandates that the children be divided into two discreet groups known as pods.
- All classes are considered pods and stay together throughout the day.
- Special Teachers will not be able to enter the building; we plan to have yoga with Siomara, Miss Chelsea's Music Program, and storytelling/music via Zoom on a large smartboard. These activities will take place during the school day.

Arrival and Dismissal:

- Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered and different entrances and exits will be used.
- Only one parent or guardian per family, please. Parents and guardians should not linger unnecessarily.
- Please maintain a distance of six feet when waiting for screening.
- Please make use of the hand sanitizing stations.
- Strollers and scooters will have designated "parking spaces."
- Please only touch your own child's stroller or scooter.
- As the year progresses, we will work toward Rooms 321, 323, 325 and 327 being brought to the classrooms from the lobby by their teachers.
- The children in Rooms 324 and 326 will be brought to the classrooms by their teachers at the beginning of the year.

Room 325 - 2 mornings or 3 mornings

- Arrival time is 8:50, dismissal is at 11:50.
- Please enter via 66th Street.
- Early arrival: you may wait in Leventritt Auditorium. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Late arrival: you may need to wait until other classes have cleared the lobby
- After dropping off your child, please follow the signage and exit via the west fire exit stairs

Room 323 - 5 mornings

- Arrival time is 8:50, dismissal time is 11:50.
- Please enter via 66th Street.

- Early arrival: you may wait in Leventritt Auditorium. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Late arrival: you may need to wait until other classes have cleared the lobby
- After dropping off your child, please follow the signage and exit via the east fire exit stairs.

Room 327 – 5 mornings OR 5 mornings + 3 extended days

- Arrival time is 9:05, dismissal time is at 12:05 and 2:05, depending upon your child's schedule. Friday dismissal is at 12:05.
- Please enter via 66th Street.
- Early arrival: you may wait in Leventritt Auditorium. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Late arrival: you may need to wait until other classes have cleared the lobby
- After dropping off your child, please follow the signage and exit via the west fire exit stairs.

Room 321 – 5 mornings OR 5 mornings + 3 extended days

- Arrival time is 9:05, dismissal time is at 12:05 or 2:05 Mondays through Thursdays, depending upon your child's schedule. Friday dismissal is at 12:05.
- Please enter via 66th Street.
- You may wait in Leventritt Auditorium. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Late arrival: you may need to wait until other classes have cleared the lobby.
- After dropping off your child, please follow the signage for your class and exit via the east fire exit stairs.

Room 324 - 5 mornings + 4 extended days

- Arrival time is 9:15, dismissal time is at 2:15 Monday through Thursday, 12:15 on Fridays.
- Please enter via 65th Street.
- Early arrival: you may wait in Greenwald Hall. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Teachers will bring children up to the classrooms this year.
- If you are late, the parent/caregiver will be responsible for bringing the child to the classroom.
- Teachers will bring children to Greenwald Hall for dismissal.

Room 326 - 5 mornings + 4 extended days

- Arrival time is 9:00, dismissal time is at 2:00 Monday through Thursday, 12:00 pm on Fridays.
- Please enter via 65th Street.
- Early arrival: you may wait in the Main Sanctuary. Social distancing will be enforced.
- Teachers will bring children up to the classrooms this year.
- If you are late, the parent/caregiver will be responsible for bringing the child to the classroom.
- Teachers will bring children to the Main Sanctuary for dismissal.

Lockers:

- Parents must bring two changes of clothes, a warm sweater and an extra pair of shoes to be left at school.
- The outside surfaces of the lockers will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Children may not bring in objects or toys from home this year.

Visitors and Deliveries:

- There will be no parents or visitors on campus this year, unless by appointment.
- Non-essential visitors are prohibited.
- Deliveries will be made to our lobby security desks.

School Wide Events:

- Please refer to the revised calendar.

Field Trips:

- Field trips are suspended until further notice.

Snack and Lunch:

- Teachers will serve children individual portions of snack; children will not be permitted to help themselves.
- Teachers will wear a fresh pair of gloves when handling snack.
- Teachers will pour water for the children.
- Tables will be spaced six feet apart during snack and lunch
- Please make sure that all packaging, including bags and utensils can be disposed of or recycled. We will not be able to send items home.

Rest:

- Children's mats will be placed six feet apart.
- Children will be placed head-to-toe.

Remote Learning

- If the Department of Health mandates that we close, we will offer remote learning.
- Parents may opt in or out; a fair and appropriate tuition refund will be given at the end of the year.