

Temple Emanuel Preschool Covid Policies as of 9-9-2021

Most travel no longer requires quarantine, however **Temple Emanuel Preschool reserves the right to require quarantine and/or testing at any time, for any reason, regardless of vaccination status in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our school-wide community in the ever-changing pandemic landscape.**

Quarantine and testing IS required to return to school if:

- You and your child (travelling parties) are unvaccinated
- Your unvaccinated child travels by large group means, such as airline, ferry or cruise ship, train or bus (overnight) domestic or international
- Your travel plans include attending any large group gatherings of persons outside your normal routine, and your unvaccinated child is unmasked, and they are with other unvaccinated persons
- Your travel includes staying in a large hotel or resort which includes large group gatherings, indoor pool use in a crowded setting and/or indoor dining
- Your travel includes an area with recent reports of super-spreader events, or high rate of breakthrough cases (vaccinated individuals reportedly testing positive for COVID-19)
- All international airline travel, regardless of vaccination status, requires a **3-5 day quarantine** from the premises, with a negative PCR test on day **3-5** following international airline travel. You may return to the building with a negative PCR test, including participation in outdoor gatherings such as community events, pick-up and drop-off.

Please be aware that for MOST major symptoms of illness quarantine and testing may be required to attend school; when in doubt please get tested!

Daily Covid-19 Policies & Protocols

1. Masks covering mouth and nose are mandatory when indoors at TEP for every human (staff, children, etc.). Children that are under the age of two years are exempt from wearing a mask.
2. Masks are required outdoors when interacting closely with staff, such as during pick-up and drop-off conversations/interactions. All adults are required to wear a mask, covering mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. When you get out of your car, please have your mask on covering your mouth and nose).
3. Our students and staff will continue to wear masks outdoors. However, we are flexible with our students and staff having “mask breaks” especially when socially distant. Our students and staff have mastered this and know when and how to have “mask breaks;” if they are new, we will work with each child individually.
4. Drop-off and pick-up will continue to occur outdoors for the foreseeable future. Only essential visitors are welcome inside and after being screened with a Covid-19 questionnaire. No tours will take place during our operating hours. Only individuals who are fully vaccinated and wearing a mask are welcome within TEP at the discretion of the

Director (this may include enrichment teachers). Enrichment programs will continue to take place primarily outdoors.

5. All students must use hand sanitizer or wash hands and wear a mask upon entering the building (two years old and below are exempt). All students and staff are required to wash their hands upon entering the building (in the morning, after outdoor play, using the bathroom, touching any high-volume area such as a main doorknob, etc.).
6. Please keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours if they and/or any household members experience symptoms of any kind. If your child and/or any household members experience a fever, diarrhea, and/or respiratory symptoms, the child cannot return until they receive a negative Covid-19 PCR test result and have been symptom and medication free for at least 24 hours and cleared by your pediatrician. Please speak with your child's pediatrician for further guidance.
7. All children are required to have a doctor's note to be in a social, group setting and participating in school (which at times are maskless, and for those under age 2 who are not masked) for any illness (runny nose, earache, sore throat, cough, etc.). A doctor's note is required for one, two, three, etc. symptoms.
8. Any child will be immediately dismissed from school if they experience fever, respiratory or GI symptoms. A doctor's note will be required to return to school and possible quarantine may be needed.
9. We reserve the right to send home a child if they are showing any signs of lethargy and are not able to participate in a group/classroom setting.
10. Please alert the Director if any household member or direct contact (a babysitter, for example) experiences symptoms of illness, exposure to Covid-19, is being tested for Covid-19, and/or is diagnosed with Covid-19. A child/family may not attend school until we receive further guidance from the local Board of Health.
11. If your child and/or any household members are being tested for Covid-19 (other than regular, routine testing at work or before travel), your family is required to be absent from school until negative PCR test results are received. We do not accept rapid results at this time.
12. A family and/or staff member is required to inform the Director immediately if you come in contact with, or test positive for, Covid-19. This includes all household members. Daily people in your home (housekeeper, nanny, etc.) and/or all individuals that sleep in the house are considered household members. If you need further clarification, please speak with Andrea Stein (Director).

Definitions & Clarifications:

- "Fully vaccinated" means that **two weeks** have elapsed since the final dose in your vaccine series (two weeks after the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine; two weeks after a single dose of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine). Someone who is not yet fully vaccinated by this definition is considered "unvaccinated" and must abide by our Covid-19 policies and protocols.
- Free testing is available for all families enrolled in Early Childhood & Preschool programs within Massachusetts.

****Policies Subject to change at any time**

Management of Infectious Diseases / Mildly Ill Children Policy

We are interested in preventing, to the greatest extent possible, the spread of any infection and thereby ensuring the health and welfare of each of our children and staff.

Therefore, if your child has had any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home:

- Fever of 100 or above within the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Any skin condition that has not been examined by a physician
- Conjunctivitis which has not been treated
- Any physical or medical condition that would interfere with your child's normal and comfortable functioning in school
- First 24 hours on antibiotics

We rely heavily on parents exercising good judgment in this matter. We are also mindful that such conditions may occur once the child is in school. In the event a child becomes ill at school, we isolate the child in an office (an adult stays with the child) and make the child comfortable while the office contacts the parent(s) or emergency contact person(s) on record if a parent cannot be reached. A teacher, assistant teacher, or the Director stays with the child until the child can be taken home or suitably cared for elsewhere.

Children may return to school when their health does not interfere with their daily routine;

- when they are no longer contagious;
- after they have been on prescribed medication for at least twenty-four hours;
- when it has been determined by a doctor that the child poses no serious health risk to themselves or to other children or has been symptom free without medications for at least 24 hours.
- With an approved doctor's note, if needed

We ask that parents call and inform us if their child is ill and tell us about the illness/diagnosis. In the event of a communicable disease, we must inform the families affected by sending a letter home.

Our policy is based on mutual trust and respect for the judgment of teachers and parents. Understanding and cooperation are essential on everyone's part. If you are called to pick up your child due to illness, please arrive promptly. If your child is home for an illness and they have a sibling in the school, you may be asked to keep all children home to help mitigate the spread of any illness. Your child must be kept at home until no longer contagious and able to cope with an active program both indoors and outdoors, typically, 24 hours after symptoms and last medication dose. If your child is well enough to attend school, your child is well enough to go outdoors.