

TBSIS Covid-19 Policies and Guidelines

Our current detailed plans regarding our practices and approaches to safely manage the risks of COVID-19 reflect strict adherence to the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Miami Dade County Health Department, the World Health Organization (WHO), City of Miami Beach, and the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Please understand that Covid-19 health guidelines and protocols are constantly changing.

Current vision for the fall:

Group Size, Physical Distancing, and Co-mingling

At this time, the group size in the Infant/Toddler and Foundation Levels will not exceed 10. We will limit the mixing of children, by staggering playground times and keeping groups separate for special activities such as yoga, music, and Kabbalat Shabbat. At nap time, children's mats will be spaced in head-to-toe positioning and six feet apart. Our infants, toddlers and pre-school children are not required to maintain a six-foot distance from one another throughout the day. The Elementary Level groups will not exceed 10 children and will also meet physical distancing requirements of desks, chairs, and tables remaining six feet apart. We will have a schedule for using hallways, community indoor spaces, and all outdoor spaces. No outside visitors will be permitted in the school.

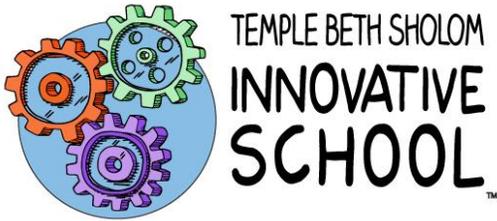
Physical Health and Safety:

All children will have easy access to sinks stocked with soap and paper towels to wash their hands. Children and staff will be required to wash hands following our handwashing policy and / or use hand sanitizer every hour throughout the school day. Additionally, children will be required to wash hands and / or use sanitizer upon classroom entry, prior to using any shared materials, going to the playground, and upon returning from the playground.

Children who develop symptoms at school will be supported by a staff member and kept in an isolated space in the school office area until parents are able to pick up.

Emotional Health and Safety of our Children, Families, and Staff:

As an emotionally responsive practice school, we consider the emotional and social well-being of our children, families, and staff critically important. We ask that you notify staff of any emotional stress symptoms your child is displaying at home. As a professional team, we are committed to supporting your child to the best of our abilities at school and will maintain open and transparent communication with you.



Drop off

Infant/toddler level families and year-round registered children will schedule drop off and pick up times directly with Infant/toddler Level and year-round staff members.

Each family will drive up to the carpool lane. From there, staff members will meet you and bring in your child. Staff will bring children in through the front playground. Parents will not be permitted to enter the front gate.

Foundation Level families will drop off in the carpool lane between 8:45 and 9:30. Staff will be present to walk children into school. (Pre-K drop off 8:45 to 9:00 and children will enter the building through the main doors into the Welcome Center; Rooms 104, 108, and 109 drop off 9:00 to 9:15 and children will enter the building through the main doors into the Welcome Center; Rooms 107, 106, 105, 102, and 101 drop off 9:15 to 9:30.

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Elementary Level families will drop off in the carpool lane between 8:20 and 8:35. Staff will be present to walk your children into school through the main doors into the Welcome Center.

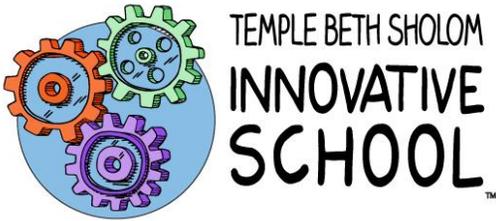
Late arrival Please contact the school office to arrange for a later pick-up.

Pick Up

Children will be brought to the front of the school in the Palm Garden and brought out to the carpool lane for pickup. We ask that you arrive on time and remain in your car. Please display your child's pick-up sign in the window of your vehicle.

How you can help before drop-off and after pick up:

1. We will utilize the WorkSafe digital check in system. The check in is designed to ask questions about potential exposure to COVID-19 including a question about your body temperature. Based on your responses to the questions, you will be given a green check or a red x. You will show Security the daily result and if it is a green check you will be allowed to enter the building. This questionnaire will take the place of having your child's temperature taken at the door. For those that do not own a thermometer, we will still take your temperature and the questionnaire still must be completed
2. Take the temperature of your child(ren) at home before drop-off each day before arriving at school. If you as a parent have a fever, then consider that your child may have been exposed your child to an illness and please keep your child at home.
3. Complete the WorkSafe questionnaire app.
4. Wear masks at drop off and pick up.
5. We are discouraging bringing personal items to school. If items are brought, they must be disinfected and brought in a transparent container to help the security check in process.
6. Wash school clothes daily and disinfect shoes with a spray disinfectant.



Communication with staff

Any special instructions or information regarding your child should be emailed directly to your child's teacher prior to the start of the school day.

Please make sure all parent and authorized pick-up person's contact information is up to date in the school's database. Make sure all release authorization information is current. There should be at least one person on the list that is available by phone when your child is in school.

Masks and Clothing

Teachers, Temple staff, children and parents must wear masks during drop off and pick up. Teachers will wear masks throughout the day except when eating. Children who are three years old and older will be required to wear masks throughout the day except when eating, napping, and playing on the playground. Safety glasses are optional. Masks must be cleaned daily.

Symptoms and Exclusions

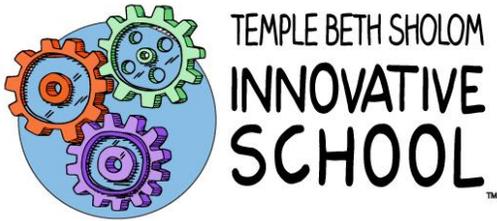
If a child or staff member presents with **any one or combination** of the symptoms consistent with Covid-19 (see below) or tests positive for Covid-19 they must report this result to the Head of School, Margie Zeskind at 305-538-7231 ext. 227 or Margie@tbsmb.org or Temple Beth Shalom's Executive Director, Jeff Graff at 305-538-7231 ext. 231 or Jeff@tbsmb.org

Any **one or combination** of the following symptoms will require children or teachers to follow our exclusion protocol.

- A fever of 100.0 or above
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Stomach cramping
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- If a family member living within your home has any one of the above symptoms

The affected child or staff member cannot return to school until the following is true:

- 10 days since the first symptoms have occurred
- Symptoms have improved over a three-day period and no fever for at least 24 hours without a fever reducing medication
- Or a negative Covid-19 test result is secured. At this time, the Covid-19 test must be a PCR test and not an Antigen test



Children with pre-existing health conditions that could make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 will need verification from a doctor to return.

What if someone in our community tests positive

The protocol outlined in the symptoms and exclusions section will be followed. We will report the case to the Miami Dade County Health Department and follow their recommendations for group closure and reopening. The affected families will be notified via email in the event that a Covid-19 case has been reported.

Cleaning Classrooms and Materials

We will disinfect the school environment as required by the health department.

1. We will reduce the soft materials in the classrooms and utilize materials based on how easily they can be sterilized.
2. We will disinfect high touch materials in the outdoor spaces after each group use, such as bikes with handlebars.
3. All classrooms will be disinfected using the regulations outlined by the Health Department daily.

***Please note that as a nationally accredited program by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), we adhere to the highest of health and safety practices daily. Our typical handwashing, diapering, food handling, and sanitization practices will continue to be strictly enforced. These are outlined in our Parent Handbooks.

Supportive Parent Resources:

Kids Health – Helping Children Get Use to Masks

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-masks.html>

Save the Children – How to Talk about Cloth Face Masks with Children

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/what-we-do/emergency-response/coronavirus-outbreak/cloth-face-mask-tips-for-kids>

Zero to Three – Why are people wearing masks? Why are people covering their faces?

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3211-why-are-people-wearing-masks-why-are-people-covering-their-faces>

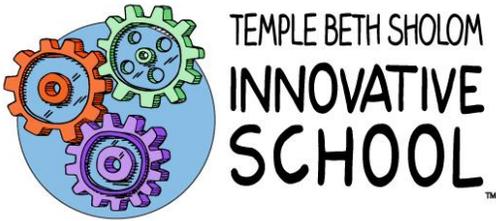
healthychildren.org – Cloth Face Coverings for Children During Covid-19

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/chest-lungs/Pages/Cloth-Face-Coverings-for-Children-During-COVID-19.aspx>

New York Times – Children May Be Afraid of Masks. Here's How to Help.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/13/well/family/coronavirus-children-masks-fear.html>

New York City School Library System – Connect, Create, Lead



<https://nycdoe.libguides.com/COVID-19ebooks/free>

PBS News Hour Weekend – A mother’s Covid-19 children’s book parodies go viral

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-mothers-covid-19-childrens-book-parodies-go-viral>

A Kids Book About Covid–19

https://www.scoe.org/files/A_Kids_Book_About_COVID_19.pdf

Today – 14 books to ease kid’s anxiety about corona virus

<https://www.today.com/shop/13-books-kids-anxiety-t178831>

University of Virginia – UVA Doctors honored for Covid-19 children’s book

<https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-doctors-honored-covid-19-childrens-book>

The Washington Post – To Persuade kids to wear masks, adults are getting creative. Kids are getting ... annoyed.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/to-convince-kids-to-wear-masks-adults-are-getting-creative-kids-are-getting--annoyed/2020/05/30/6f7afaaa-a020-11ea-81bb-c2f70f01034b_story.html