



# COVID-19

## Policies and Procedures

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

### IN CASE OF ILLNESS

If a student or staff member displays new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms (regardless of vaccination status), they must stay home and quarantine.



They can come back to school when EITHER:

- They are symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines, **and** provide a negative test result

**OR**

- They have quarantined for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and are no longer displaying symptoms. (DO NOT test in this case as an individual with a non-transmissible virus can test positive for weeks after infection. A positive test will require further quarantine.)

Arrangements will be made for students who are required to stay home so that they can keep up with their school work.

### IN CASE OF EXPOSURE

Under the current guidelines, EXPOSURE to a COVID-19 infection is classified as:

Having spent at least 15 minutes, within a 24 hour period, within 6 feet of an infected person. (I.e. if a teacher who has been within 6 feet of her students tests positive, the entire class is considered exposed).

This does not apply to students due to the mitigation efforts in place in the classroom, including distancing, masks, and cohorting (I.e. if a student tests positive, the other students in the class are not considered exposed).

- **Non-vaccinated** students and staff members must quarantine for 10 days before returning to school
- **Fully vaccinated** students and staff members are not required to quarantine but they must test 3-5 days after exposure
- Students and staff who have **recovered from lab confirmed COVID within the past 3 months** are not required to quarantine

Free testing will be made available for staff and students through Bais Rivkah. Please stay tuned for details.

Dear Parents,

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In light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, following the most current information from the CDC, the New York State Education Department, and the New York State Department of Health, Beth Rivkah has incorporated the following updates to our protocols.

These protocols are in place with the goal of, בט"ה, **REDUCING** transmission of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible, and keeping our students and staff safely in school. As always, we will continue to constantly monitor the situation and will make changes as indicated.

We expect all members of the Beth Rivkah community to take seriously their individual responsibility for helping to keep our buildings a healthy environment for everyone. In order for everyone to feel safe, there must be an understanding among parents and staff that NO ONE comes to school sick, ever. Students and staff must stay home when they are sick or when exposed to someone who is sick.

**The act of sending your children to school or coming to work at school indicates that they/you are healthy.**

We look forward to another safe, smooth, and uninterrupted school year.

Thank you,  
Your Principals and Board of Directors

### SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASK WEARING

- Per the governor's mandate, all staff and students age 2 and up are required to wear masks on busses and everywhere inside the school building, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks can be removed for eating, drinking, and singing, with efforts being made to increase social distancing during these times.
- Any student who has a medical or developmental reason for not wearing a mask will be exempt from wearing a mask if they provide a note of explanation from a medical professional.
- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Bais Rivkah uniform masks are not required but are available for purchase at [bethrivkah.edu/covid](http://bethrivkah.edu/covid).



### TRAVEL

Please stay up-to-date, and follow, current travel recommendations from the CDC for domestic and international travel. Guidelines by destination can be found here:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

