

## Magen Israel Schools

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## Magen Israel COVID-19 Reopening Plan

The health and safety of our staff and students is our highest priority. We will follow the New York State guidelines and CDC recommendations pertaining to employee and student screenings each day which include daily temperature and symptoms checks as well as mandatory facial coverings and social distancing, frequent hand washing and the cleaning and sanitizing of the building and any shared items.

### BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS

**All staff members and students will need to be tested for Covid-19 before returning to school. Your results must be negative and sent into the school office before returning.**

Staff members will need to send in their documentation before Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Parents will need to send in their child/children's documentation **before** first day school, September 3, 2020. Students will **NOT** be admitted to Magen Israel without this documentation.

Documentation of negative test result should be sent to:

Primary: [School@magenisraelcenter.com](mailto:School@magenisraelcenter.com)

Preschool: [Preschool@magenisraelcenter.com](mailto:Preschool@magenisraelcenter.com)

Any staff member or student that does test positive will need to quarantine for 14 days and be retested. They may not return to school until they receive a negative test result. This documentation will need to be given to the school.

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### SELF-MONITORING HEALTH

It is extremely important to self-monitor your health and the health of your child each day. Staff and students should take their temperature before they leave for work/school each day. If their temperature is 100.0 or above, they will be required to stay home.

**If a staff member or a student have had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours, or if symptoms are new, different, and not otherwise explained they may not come to school: Staff and parents will need to contact the office to inform them of their symptoms.**

- Fever or chills, Cough
- Sore throat, Shortness of breath, or trouble breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain, Headache

### PPE/FACE COVERING

Students when sitting on the bus and walking from place to place will need to wear a face covering. Students will not need to wear a face covering while eating lunch, outside during recess or gym or in their classrooms. Parents will be responsible for providing their child/children with face coverings or masks. Schools will have backup disposable masks available for students who forget them. Grades Kindergarten through Grade 4 will utilize individual desk shields at their assigned location to assist with social distancing in the classroom.

Face covering must be worn by all staff members while traveling in the building at all times. Face coverings/masks may be removed while teaching if the following conditions are in place: Enhanced social distancing; while eating, drinking, or when outside and effectively practicing social distancing. The school will have backup disposable masks available for staff members who forget them.

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### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Hallways will have floor stickers and signs to help guide how students should walk to maintain social distancing in common areas and hallways. Students must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Students are expected to practice social distancing when entering and exiting the building, in classrooms, and moving throughout the school.

### **SCREENING**

All staff members and students who are dropped off to school will have their temperature taken before they are allowed to enter the main building. **If a student is not arriving by bus, an adult must accompany the child to the front door each day to take them home if they are denied entry into school.**

Students and staff members with a temperature greater than 100.0 degrees are not permitted into the school. They will be allowed to return 24 hours after their fever has broken, or with a note from their healthcare provider, or with a documented negative COVID-19 test.

If a staff member or student has a temperature of 100.0, they will not be allowed to work/go to school on that day. We will work with the local health department to use contact tracing to identify those who have come in contact with people who do test positive for Covid-19.

### **SCREENING VISITORS**

Access to the building by visitors/parents will be extremely limited and only for specific educational purposes. Except for the first few days of school, parents and/or visitors will no longer be allowed to enter the building unless they have an appointment or a pass to do so. Once approval is granted for entry, their temperature will be taken, and a mask must be worn at all times.

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Visitors/parents with prior approval to enter the building are instructed to self- screen before leaving for school by checking to ensure temperatures below 100.0 and to observe for symptoms consistent COVID-19. Visitors/parents are to stay at home if they are feeling sick, have any symptoms associated with COVID-19, or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

All students and the driver must wear a face covering for the entirety of their time on the bus. When the busses arrive to the school only one bus at a time will dismiss the students, and they will enter the school and go directly to class. Face coverings or masks should be in place prior to boarding the bus.

### **DISMISSAL**

A staggered dismissal schedule will be in place.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Our contact information can be found in the school handbook provided. Please email rather than call if the matter is not urgent.

### **CAPACITY**

Classes will be limited to a smaller group and remain as a cohort classroom. Bookcases, reading nooks, and storage cabinets will be removed/repositioned to create the maximum amount of space between students. Classroom seating will be assigned to students at all times during the day.

### **COHORT MODEL**

A Cohort model will be used throughout the school day to alleviate the risk of spreading the virus. The group of students and educators will be consistent members each day. It is still expected that students

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& individuals within the cohorts maintain as much physical distance as possible and wear facial covering when moving around the building. The classroom cohort will spend as much of the day together as a group as possible in the cohort's assigned classroom. The Cohort's will utilize the same hallways, bathrooms, and other area of the school as much as possible.

### **OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY**

There will be little interaction with other classes. They will have limited movement throughout the day. Movement will be staggered. Classes will be able to go to recess, gym, and art. However, additional time will be added in between each class for cleaning purposes. All desks will be facing the same direction in all classes. Grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> will utilize individual desk shields at their assigned location to assist with social distancing in the classroom and during lunch.

### **SUPPLIES**

Each student's belongings/school supplies will be separated and in an individually labeled storage container, cubby, or other designated area depending on the grade level. Students will be encouraged to take home belongings each day to be cleaned. The sharing of school supplies and materials will not be allowed.

### **RECESS**

Recess and gym will be in effect, but only one group out at a time will be permitted. The playground and other equipment must be disinfected between uses. No contact sports will be allowed for the time being.

Recess time and the use of playground equipment will be supervised and scheduled to ensure physical distancing. Recess time will be adjusted for specific cohorts.

### **LUNCH**

To avoid the risk of cross contamination, lunch will not be provided this year. With the exception of Pizza Day, which will take place once a week, students are expected to bring in lunch from home.

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### **HYGIENE/CLEANING/DISINFECTION**

Frequent hand washing and the cleaning and sanitizing of any shared items and the building will be cleaned several times a day. Bathrooms must be cleaned and sanitized twice a day. Hallway sanitizing stations will be installed.

The custodial staff will be provided with equipment and PPE for cleaning and disinfecting. Frequently touched surfaces and other equipment will be cleaned throughout the day.

High touch surface areas to clean and disinfect will include:

- Door handles, Handrails
- Drinking fountains-will no longer be used-students are encouraged to bring water bottles, a faucet in the cafeteria has now been dedicated for bottle refill.
- Sink handles, Restroom surfaces
- Instructional materials that cannot be supplied to a specific student, Playground equipment

Teachers and students will have a plan for disinfecting the following between uses:

- Toys that are shared during the day
- Tables that are used throughout the day
- Chairs that are shared during the day

### **TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

If a student or staff member has been present in school has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, the principal will notify the local health officials immediately. The local health officials will then assess the risk of further transmission in the school.

The decision to suspend or close the school will be made by the dean, the director, and from local health officials. We will likely implement a short-term closure (2-5 days up to 14 days) to clean and disinfect the school building.

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The student and or staff member may not return until the following conditions are met:

- They will not return to work/school for at least 14 days
- They have 2 negative COVID-19 tests

### **ISOLATION**

Students who become symptomatic during the school day will be separated from others immediately.

Students exhibiting symptoms will be required to continue to wear mask and wait in a designated, supervised, isolated area through which others do not enter until the student can be transported home.

If more than one student is in the isolation area, physical distancing will be maintained.

If a parent and/or student has traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory within the last 14 days, they must inform the school and immediately self-isolate for a period of fourteen days.

### **REMOTE LEARNING**

The directors, principals and teachers will proactively plan and be prepared at all times throughout the year for an expedited shift to Distance Learning instruction during a required short period (2-5 days) and a longer period (2 weeks) of closure.