

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

FAMILY COVID-19 HEALTH POLICY

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1. Purpose

The primary concern of Temple Emanu-El ("Temple") ECEC is the health and well-being of our children, their families and staff. Therefore, the ECEC adopts this Policy to comply with OSHA 3990 Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, Dallas County's Executive Order(s) (including any department within Dallas County), Governor Abbott's Open Texas Checklist for Child Care Operations, CDC guidelines, Texas Health Department of State Health Services (DSHS)'s COVID-19 guidelines, Texas Health and Human Services (THHS) Child Care Licensing, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) relating to children and families. This Policy provides ECEC families with ECEC's preparedness and response plan, infection prevention measures, and health screening measures. Our goal is to fully inform our families about the operational plan in response to COVID-19. Temple will be implementing a substantially similar policy for its staff (including teachers), clergy and congregants. Temple will continue to monitor developments and provide guidance to our families as needed. Temple will revise this Policy as necessary to comply with any guidance and directives from the local, state and federal governments and agencies, including but not limited to OSHA, CDC, DSHS, THHS Child Care Licensing, NAEYC, and other organizations.

2. Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

Both drop-off and pick-up of children to and from the ECEC will be completed outside of the building. The ECEC will restrict entry into the building to the following individuals:

- ECEC employees
- Persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services Staff
- Children enrolled in the ECEC
- Temple clergy

3. Health Screenings

Everyone entering the ECEC must be screened every day before entering the ECEC:

- ECEC employees
- Persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services Staff
- Children enrolled in the ECEC

Health screenings will include both a temperature check and a health questionnaire. These must be completed for all children and staff. If a parent must enter the building, he/she must also complete a health screening. All individuals will be denied entry if he/she has experienced any of the following COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature over 100°
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking
- Muscle pain/aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea

Additionally, health questionnaire will ask if your child has been, within the last 14 days:

- Diagnosed with COVID-19
- In contact with someone recently diagnosed with COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19
- A participant in international travel to a country requiring a 14 day self-quarantine as designated by the CDC
- Instructed to quarantine by any public health organization or department

Contact: interactions within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

Any individual, other than a healthcare provider or a first responder/child of healthcare provider or a first responder, will be denied entry if he/she answers yes to any question in the health questionnaire.

In addition to the initial temperature check and screening, the ECEC reserves the right to take any child's temperature at any time for any reason.

4. If a Child Develops COVID-19 Symptoms At the ECEC

ADDRESSING THE SYMPTOMATIC CHILD

If a child begins developing symptoms of any illness while at the ECEC, a member of the ECEC office staff will contact the child's parent/guardian immediately. The child be removed from his/her classroom and relocated to the sick isolation room. Here, a member of the ECEC office staff will remain with the child until he/she is picked up from the ECEC. Depending on the circumstances, the ECEC will take other steps as necessary for the safety of other children and staff, including notifying families and staff of possible exposure, assisting with contact-tracing procedures, closing the ECEC and taking the necessary infection control measures. Please make sure all contact information on the Enrollment Form is current and up to date at all times throughout the school year.

REPORTING COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS

In cases where a child has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a positive test, the ECEC will report the case within 48 hours of learning about the diagnosis, to the following groups:

- DSHS
- THHS Child Care Licensing
- ECEC families & employees

With regards to the child diagnosed with COVID-19, the ECEC will keep his/her identity confidential to the extent possible unless as required by law.

Based on the circumstances, ECEC may also report the diagnosis to the entire Temple congregation.

Infection Prevention Measures

In cases where a child has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the ECEC will:

- Follow any required directives, recommendations and guidelines from DSHS
- Follow any required directives, recommendations and guidelines from THHS Child Care Licensing, CDC, OSHA, and other relevant state and federal agencies and organizations
- Implement necessary infection control measures
- Assist with contract-tracing by any government agency or department

RETURN TO THE ECEC

For any child with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, the ECEC will follow the procedures below as to when the child can return to the ECEC.

In cases where a child has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the child will:

- Self-quarantine for a total of 10 days
- Return to the ECEC when the following three (3) criteria are met:
- 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without fever reducing medication AND
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) AND
- Ten (10) days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared OR Ten (10) days have passed since positive test for those who are asymptomatic.

In cases where a child has a fever and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the child is assumed to have COVID-19, and may not return to the ECEC until the child has self-quarantined for 10 days without a fever. If the child wants to return prior to 10 days, the child's parent/guardian must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the child for return based on an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

5. Travel

Both the federal and state government have issued mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days for international travel to various countries. If your child has traveled to any of these countries, your child is required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Please refer to the current CDC guidelines on international travel for a current list of countries requiring 14 day self-quarantine.

At this time, there is no mandatory self-quarantine for travel within the United States. Should the federal or state government institute a mandatory self-quarantine, the ECEC will follow any mandatory self-quarantine guidelines.

6. In-School Procedures

ECEC will implement social/physical distance policies whereby classroom schedules will be limited in their movement throughout the building. This includes following NAEYC's recommended class ratios. ECEC staff, wherever possible, will maintain the CDC's recommended six feet of separation between staff.

- When your child arrives at his/her ECEC classroom, he/she will wash hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds and/or use hand sanitizer. The ECEC will also have hand sanitizer available in classrooms serving children 24 months and up.
- Throughout the day, children will wash their hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. The ECEC will also have hand sanitizer available in classrooms serving children 24 months and up. Children will wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after playing on the playground.
- ECEC staff will regularly sanitize (twice daily) high touch areas in the classroom. This includes high touch areas such as: door/cabinet handles, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, nap

pads, tabletops, chairs, cubbies, etc. The ECEC will continue to follow NAEYC's guidance on daily cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting procedures. Temple Emanu-El custodial staff will engage in cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting procedures each day after school.

- ECEC staff will minimize contact between staff and children while in hallways.
- The following items will not be utilized at the ECEC this fall: bikes, balls, sandbox play, sand toys, sensory tables, water tables, dress-up clothes and soft toys. We will reassess the use of these items for the spring.
- Meals/snacks: The ECEC will not provide school lunches or snacks. All lunches and snacks must be brought from home. Any food for any celebrations, including birthdays, must be individually wrapped for each child. Please speak to the classroom teacher before sending any food to the ECEC.

7. Face Coverings/Masks

Children enrolled in the toddler classes and below will not be required to wear a face covering/mask. All other children attending the ECEC are required to wear a face covering/mask covering their nose and mouth. ECEC staff are required to wear a face covering/mask as they move about the building. If an ECEC staff member is outdoors and practicing at least 6 feet of social/physical distance, they can, but are not required, to remove the face covering/mask. If an ECEC staff member is seated in the classroom and practicing at least six (6) feet of social/physical distance with children or using a barrier they can, but are not required, to remove the face covering/mask. If an ECEC staff member is seated at a desk in the ECEC office, they can, but are not required, to remove the face covering/mask.

8. Protracted Closures Resulting from COVID-19

In the event of a protracted closure as a result of COVID-19, Temple will evaluate and consider potential alternatives and adjustments to regular ECEC policies. The ECEC will also consider the implementation of age appropriate educational plans.

This policy does not otherwise modify or amend the 2020-2021 ECEC Parent Handbook.