



JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY
RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your patience and support as we formulate our safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. We have learned a great deal about pandemic school management and are applying our knowledge to provide educational opportunities for students without compromise. Please see below for the newest updates.

School-based Screening:

Our unique and highly effective population surveillance screening system will add an additional mitigation layer to our protection protocols. We plan to screen students, staff and faculty if there is known, potential exposure, an increased number of cases in our area or after vacations. We have scheduled screenings for our students, staff, and teachers after we return from the *chagim* (holidays) on Monday, September 13th and Thursday, September 30th.

Travel:

Supplementing the travel policy outlined in our last COVID Policy email, and as stated in the [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 policies](#), unvaccinated students whose travel is limited to states contiguous to New Jersey do not require quarantine upon their return.

Quarantine:

Unvaccinated students who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will be required to submit saliva specimens for several days post-exposure. Provided that a student is not symptomatic, students exposed to COVID-19 who are monitored by our screening protocol will not require quarantine.



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Vaccinated students who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will not be required to submit saliva samples for screening. If, however, a vaccinated student was exposed to a household COVID-19 person, the JKHA/RKYHS Health Committee will be consulted for guidance.

PCR Testing Prior to September 1st:

Dr. Torin Rutner has graciously offered to give school-entry PCR tests to anyone in our community. Dr. Rutner is available Sunday morning, August 29th, to perform testing (PCR nasal swabs) at his house in West Orange for any JKHA/RKYHS student. No one will be turned away. Please contact his office at 908-654-6039 to schedule an appointment for testing.

Food Services:

Blessed with a magnificent campus with many shaded outdoor places for eating, we will encourage students to eat outdoors whenever weather permits. When eating outdoors is not an option, early childhood (N-K) students will have lunch in their classrooms. Students in grade one through grade 12 will eat in socially distanced class zones in the Jocheved Orbach Dining Hall.

Thank you for your efforts to maintain the health of our community and for your support of our mitigation program. Please note that **all policies are subject to change and will be revisited on an ongoing basis**. We are working together to build upon the educational momentum we generated last year, and we look forward to a continued successful and meaningful school year ahead.

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