

## When and how are we planning to re-open school?

School is scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Hours from 8am - 3:30pm

Goldsmith will be opening in conjunction with KSDS. We will be operating on “Red Level” and adhering to strict protocols – starting with, NO child will be admitted without current health forms and updated immunizations.

Children will be eating in classrooms only. NO HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED at all. (Including KSDS) - for at least the first half of the school year. We recommend using a “bento box” for lunch so that the food is in each section and they don’t have to unwrap items. Goldsmith will be providing prepackaged snacks.

All 2 and 3 year olds will enter the classrooms directly from the carpool line. All 4s and 5s will be walked into the building by 1 teacher. If there is separation anxiety we will work with you and have you walk your child to their outside classroom door to make dropoff as smooth as possible.

Dropoff needs to be staggered. There will be NO EARLY ARRIVAL. Classrooms will open at 8 am; with the option to dropoff children (at no charge) at 8am, but they will go directly to their classroom.

We are encouraging the flu shot this year. All health forms are available online at: [www.chizukamuno.org/gecc](http://www.chizukamuno.org/gecc)  
Please return ASAP.

Parents and visitors will NOT be allowed to enter the facility at this time.

All hugs/kisses/goodbyes will happen OUTSIDE of the building.

NO ENRICHMENTS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER (1:30-3pm)- We will re-evaluate for December to see where we stand for the winter.

## What COVID specific precautions are being implemented upon entry?

Every morning teachers will have health and temperature screenings upon their arrival. Hands must be washed with soap and water upon entering the building. ALL staff of Chizuk Amuno and Schools will wash hands and will be wearing a face mask when in the building.

The first thing children will do when they enter the classroom is wash their hands with soap and water. We WILL NOT be using hand sanitizer with our children because there is alcohol in there and we are not permitted to do so.

TIP: Use a washable hand-stamp - it will tell the child they have thoroughly washed and scrubbed their hands for the stamp to come off.

## What is recommended?

The MD State Health Department recommends each parent bring their own thermometer and take their child's temperature when you arrive. Virtual inspections by the MD State Health Department will be taking place and the school will need to show our logs and health screenings. All screening questions and temp checks will be logged prior to admittance to school.

Please keep in mind your plans 2 weeks before school starts to give time for self-quarantine. For best practices, be mindful of where you are going, where you have been, and who you have been around for contact tracing. We hope in August, 1-2 children may be able to come in at a time to see their classrooms and meet their teachers in person with a very staggered schedule. Videos of classroom will be sent to parents in advance of school opening. Updates will be sent as well.

## Who are behind these precautions and knowledge?

We are following various guidelines from the CDC, MD Department of Licensing Protocol, and with support from the CAC COVID committees. Our Synagogue and Schools are working very closely with Hospital CEOs, Mental Health professionals, educators, clergy, supply-chain and nurses. Our school heads meet regularly and are on the COVID19 committee together.

We are communicating daily and having weekly meetings to share policies with other schools in the area.

## What are the health regulations for student daily entry?

Having a temperature of 100.4° is officially a "fever." A temperatures of 100.0° sends off red flags. If a child has a temp of 100.0°, they will have to be monitored at home. As this will most likely escalate to a fever. We ask that your child NOT be admitted to school that day.

If a child looks like they need observation at home (sneezing, coughing, runny nose)— we will ask them to be monitored at home and WILL NOT be admitted to school that day.

If a child becomes "sick" during the day, there will be an isolation room in conjunction with the nurses office for them to stay in until picked up. A parent/caregiver will need to pick up their child ASAP. We will be in contact with our physicians and the health department as they will give guidance to the next steps. We are not going to alarm people until we have all facts on that child.

## What is dropoff going to look like?

We will be working in conjunction with KSDS. You can drop off your children at same assigned time, but they will need to go through separate entrances.

Parents will get a form to complete for arrival time selections. This form allow you to select your top 2 choices of arrival time. Dropoff will be from 8-9:15am; in increments of 15min.

During your designated 15min period, each student will have their health screening and temp check, and go to their classroom. If you do not select a choice of arrival time, we will select a time for you. Please stick to your scheduled time. If your child has a doctor's appt (for example) - we ask that you wait until after 9:15 to drop them off. You will need to call the office and let Mona know that you need to be admitted. Your child will then have the health screening and be escorted into the building upon arrival.

## What is dismissal going to look like?

If you are signed up for your child to stay til 12:30pm or 1:30pm- Dismissal will be normal. The parent/caregiver cannot walk up to the door to pick up their child; they must remain in the car. The child will be escorted to the car.

Dismissal will only happen through drive up carpool. Please make sure anyone who is picking up your child is aware of these rules. Carpool signs will be distributed on the 1st day of school.

Same arrival and dismissal will apply to Full day students, typically dismissed at 3pm. You will be able to choose a 3pm or 3:30pm dismissal time. We will not be having KSDS dismissal with GECC children. We will give the option for students with siblings in KSDS to wait in their classrooms until 3:30pm instead.

If you need to have Extended Care (after 3:30pm), you will be able to select that option on the forms you receive. We will assess to see if we have enough students that need Extended Care. They will remain in their classroom if there are enough students. There will be no Extended Care if there are not enough students.

## What are the rules for wearing masks?

- All adults in the building **MUST** wear a mask.
- Children 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.
- Children 5 and under are not required to wear a mask, but if you would like your child to wear a mask, we are happy to encourage that protocol to happen.
- You will need to send a minimum of 2 face masks marked with the child's full name, inside a bag. Masks then must be washed at night, and a fresh set of masks must be provided the next day.
- Please don't hand us a face mask on the first day and expect us to teach them to use it. We encourage you to teach your child ahead of time on why, and how to wear a mask, and how to comfortably breathe in the mask.
- All teachers will be in masks, so please remind the child that they will be wearing one. We will be scheduling Facetime sessions with students, prior to school starting, so that they can get familiar with their teacher in a mask. We encourage you to point out something that they can remember about their teacher. Example: "Morah Michelle has curly hair."
- A teacher may choose to wear a face shield but a mask will also be worn underneath.

## What social distancing efforts are being implemented?

- We will be encouraging social distancing protocols the best that we can.
- Class sizes will be smaller. Ratios will be 13 children to 2 teachers max. (15 bodies to a room max)
- Airplane arms: Put arms out like an airplane and person next to you does the same. The distance is approx 6 feet apart from one another. Arms should not be touching.
- Classroom Setups: Removing furniture from rooms so there is more space between children, thus creating more room for activities. Children will only be staying in their classrooms and/or going outside. **NO** mixing of classrooms. Outdoor learning spaces will also be created.
- Only one class can use the playground at a time. The playground will be sanitized in between each classroom's use. We will be utilizing our outdoor grounds as much as we can by taking walks and using the fields.

- Toys will be sanitized after each use. We will be rotating toys frequently while they are sanitized. Using color tape and hulu hoops so that we can better social distance. Kids may have their own “space” to play. Kids will still be able to play together, but we will be limiting the numbers of children playing together in one space.
- Dress up clothes will NOT be in the classrooms.
- Books and paper materials will still be used. We may limit them so that we can sanitize them and rotate items.
- Children won't be traveling outside classrooms to community spaces. Specialists will be traveling to each room (Music, Drama, Story Time) so we can continue our routines, but it may look and feel a little different.
- Shabbat in classrooms will still happen. NO GUESTS will be allowed. For all Birthdays and Shabbat experiences, we will incorporate the honored student's family to celebrate via zoom.

## **How will kids feel part of a larger community if they are restricted to their “pods”?**

With consistency and routine. They will be able to get to know teachers and new students in their room. This will become their community initially. Rabbi Gruenberg, along with the new Hazzan, Cantor Herman as well as our Specialists, will be on rotation visiting each classroom. Just coming back into their classrooms will feel like a new community to them too.

## **What additional cleaning protocols are being done?**

Cleaning will be done multiple times a day, with deep cleaning every evening. After a room is cleaned, there will be a sign that says when it has been cleaned, it will be closed for the night. Teachers will be notified when they can re-enter their room. Cleaning products will be disinfectant bleach and water solutions, used along with an Electrostatic Sprayer. This solution dries quickly, is not dangerous and is safe to be used around children.

## **What's the max teacher-student ratio?**

The teacher to student ratio is: 13 children max to 2 teachers. (15max bodies in each room.)  
If there are 16 children registered, then we will make 2 classes of 8 students and 2 teachers each.

## **What happens in the case of an outbreak?**

If there is a case where we have to shutdown a classroom, or the school, we will make sure everyone is informed on that decision and safe protocols are in place for dismissal.