

YTCTE  
COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS 2021-2022

A number of COVID protocols put into place for the 2020-21 school year will still be in effect for the coming year, some new practices will be initiated and the bulk of restrictions will be discontinued. Everyone is urged to continue to be vigilant and keep their own health and the health of others in mind as we go forward.

Any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19. While YTCTE will be following the safety protocols of our Medical Advisory Board, there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in Yeshiva as there is in any public space. ***Our goal is to keep students in Yeshiva for consistent in person learning as safely as possible. Medical decisions are nuanced as every individual has unique medical vulnerabilities, goals, and risk tolerance.***

Please see below for the 2021-2022 COVID policies and procedures:

1. We strongly encourage vaccination for all those that are eligible.
2. Masks are optional for students.
3. Any adult (staff member) or student who tests positive for COVID must inform [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org). An adult (staff member) or student who tests positive for COVID must be quarantined for 10 days from their onset of symptoms and may not return to Yeshiva until they have received clearance from [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org).
4. In cases of direct exposure to a household member with COVID, parents must contact [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org) to inform them and await instruction regarding testing protocol.
5. A student who is experiencing COVID-like symptoms (fever, chills, shortness of breath, muscle or body ache, headache, cough, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea) must not come to Yeshiva until they receive a negative result on a Rapid Antigen. They must also take a PCR test at the same time, but may attend school after receiving a negative on the Rapid, while awaiting the PCR results. Anyone going for a COVID test due to symptoms needs to inform [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org). *\*Note: In accordance with our pre-COVID illness policy, students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to Yeshiva, even with a negative COVID test result.*
6. If a teacher or student tests positive for COVID-19, the parents in that class will be informed. The class will not be required to quarantine. If a student on the bus tests positive for COVID, the parents of children in the immediate vicinity of the positive child will also be informed. *Each family will decide for itself whether or not to continue to send their child(ren) to school based on their individual risk tolerance.*

7. We ask that unvaccinated parents visiting Yeshiva for scheduled meetings or events wear a mask.
8. If a significant percentage of a class tests positive for COVID, we may reassess our policy regarding quarantine in consultation with our Medical Advisory Board.
9. Water fountains will be used for bottle dispensing only. Hand washing and sanitizing will continue to be encouraged.

***\*These policies and protocols will be updated as the circumstances change.***

### **Division Specific Distance Learning Policies**

**YTCTE is not offering optional distance learning for the 2021-2022 school year. The policies below pertain only to students who are out of school for a COVID related quarantine and cleared as such by [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org). Students out of school with non COVID symptoms, awaiting test results, traveling, or those choosing to quarantine out of caution will not be able to participate in distance learning.**

**ECE-** There will be no distance learning options for students in JPK. Students in Pre-K or Kindergarten who are out of school for a COVID related quarantine will have access to pre-recorded videos or daily shortened Zoom instructional session. This will not be a hybrid Zoom into their classroom.

**KES-** Distance/Hybrid Learning will not be offered on Zoom. Teachers will post assignments and homework on Google Classroom for students who are out of school for a COVID related absence. Teachers will communicate with students/parents to ensure that the student is caught up on classwork and homework for the length of their quarantine.

**RMS-** Distance/Hybrid Learning will not be offered on Zoom. RMS students who are out for a COVID related quarantine as cleared by [safety@ytcte.org](mailto:safety@ytcte.org) will have access to 1 daily shortened Zoom session with a separate Rebbe for Limudei Kodesh. For afternoon classes, the assignments/classwork and homework will be posted on Google Classroom. Rabbeim and teachers will communicate with students/parents to ensure that the student is caught up on classwork and homework for the length of their quarantine.

**DACHS-** Students who are out of Yeshiva with a COVID quarantine will be able to participate in hybrid learning on Zoom. All approvals must go through the HS

administration. The option of distance learning would be used as a short-term bridge for a student to minimize falling behind the class while in quarantine. There will be situations where Zoom will not be feasible. As always, teachers will communicate with their students regarding assigned work and help them with their individual needs.