

Frequently Asked Questions: 2021-22 School Year

SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:

Q: What is the procedure for dropping off my child at school?

A: Parents will drop off their child(ren) using the carpool line in front of the school. Starting this year, kindergarten families are welcome to walk their children to the outside door of the kindergarten classroom where a teacher will be waiting to greet the students. Drop off times are listed below:

- 8:00 - 8:10 am: Grades 6-8 (Class begins at 8:15 am)
- 8:15 - 8:30 am: Grades K-5 (Class begins at 8:30 am)
- Parents of children in grades K-5 may drop off their children starting at 8:00 am. Students will be supervised on the playground until the classrooms open at 8:15am.

Q: What is the procedure for picking up my child at school?

A: All students, including Kindergarteners, will be picked up using the carpool line in front of the school and dismissal will be staggered by grade. For the 2021-22 school year, families with children in multiple grades no longer need to do multiple pick-ups. These families can arrive at the dismissal time of their oldest child to pick up all of their children at once. Dismissal times are listed below:

- 3:20 pm: Grades K-2
- 3:30 pm: Grades 3-5
- 3:45 pm: Grades 6-8

Q: Will there be after and before school care this year?

A: This year we will be offering after school care until 5:30 pm. In addition, parents are welcome to drop their children off at 8:00 am where they will be supervised on the playground until 8:15 am before going to their classrooms. Please contact the office if you would like more information.

Q: How do I arrange to pick up my child early from school?

A: Please email office@yavnehdayschool.org so that we can have your child ready at the designated time and then call the office at 408-984-6700 when you arrive so that we can escort your child outside.

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY:

Q: Are the teachers and faculty at Yavneh vaccinated?

A: Yes, all faculty and staff are fully vaccinated. According to the County guidelines, faculty and staff must either show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or get tested weekly.

Q: What about vaccines for our students?

A: The CDC strongly advises that all students get vaccinated as soon as they are able to do so.

Q: What are the mask guidelines on campus?

A: In keeping with the highest federal, state and county safety guidelines, masks are required indoors and outdoors on campus except while eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status.

Q: What is the procedure for lunch and snack breaks when masks are off?

A: Lunch and snack breaks will be outdoors and students will sit with their class in assigned spaces that are physically distanced by 3-feet or more. Any food brought to school is for personal consumption and should not be shared.

Q: What are the physical distancing requirements in the classroom this year?

A: Recent guidelines at the federal, state and county level indicate that in-person instruction can occur safely without physical distancing requirements as long as other mitigation strategies are strictly followed, most notably wearing masks. Based on this guidance, physical distancing will be maintained when students and faculty are eating or drinking, but not in other areas of classroom instruction.

Q: Will there be cohorts or stable groups?

A: No. According to the most recent federal, state and county guidelines, the requirement for cohorts/stable groups has been removed.

Q: Are there any travel mandates going into the 2021-22 school year?

A: Currently, there are no travel mandates set by the State of California.

Q: How does Yavneh stay up to date on the safety requirements?

A: At Yavneh, we closely monitor all national, state and local health guidelines in an effort to keep our community safe and thriving throughout the pandemic. Members of our faculty and administrative team attend weekly meetings hosted by Santa Clara County public health officials. In addition, Yavneh has a Health and Safety Advisory Panel made up of health care professionals, educators, parents and community members that advise us on health and safety issues affecting our community.

Q: Who do I contact with questions regarding Yavneh's COVID-19 safety plan?

A: We take your child's safety very seriously and encourage you to reach out with any questions. You can email us at health@yavnehdayschool.org and we will get back to you with support.

TESTING:

Q: Will there be regular testing?

A: Yes. In order to keep our students and faculty safe, we will continue COVID-19 testing every two weeks. This means that, regardless of vaccination status, all teachers, students, faculty and anyone engaging in the teaching or instruction of our students will

be required to follow our testing protocol. This is consistent with the most recent guidelines from the state and county.

Q: Does my child need to complete a test kit before the start of school?

A: Yes, all students and faculty **MUST** complete a COVID-19 test before the start of school. Parents can pick up the self-testing kits starting on Friday, August 13th in the contactless pick-up area in front of the school. The tests must be completed and dropped off between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm on **Tuesday, August 17th**.

Q: What is the testing schedule for Fall 2021?

A: The testing schedule for Fall 2021 is as follows: August 17, August 31, September 14, September 30, October 14, October 28, November 11, November 30 and December 14.

Q: Where can I pick up and drop off my child's testing kit?

A: The test kits can be picked up in the contactless pick-up area in front of the school and/or will be sent home with students. Kits can be dropped off during the morning arrival time or in the contactless pick-up area at designated times of the day.

Q: How does the testing process work?

A: For the 2021-22 school year, Yavneh will partner with a local company for self-administered PCR tests. Test kits will be provided by the school and billed directly to your insurance company. Parents will complete the test kits at home with their child and complete a virtual profile before dropping off the kit at school on the designated date. Lab results from these local testing [locations](#) will also be accepted.

Q: How will I receive the results of my child's COVID-19 test?

A: The results will be emailed to parents and the school within 72 hours.

Q: What happens if a test comes back positive?

A: If the test comes back positive, a school representative will reach out to discuss the current guidelines and next steps including the length of self-quarantine. All students and faculty members who were in close contact with that individual will be notified by email.

Q: What happens if a student or faculty member does not submit testing results?

A: We believe in keeping our community safe and in following the guidelines set by our County. Students and faculty members must submit current results in order to be on our campus.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:

Q: What happens if my child is sick?

A: To prevent transmission, it is critical for individuals to remain home if sick. On campus staff will monitor symptoms and contact families should a student become ill at school.

- Parents should monitor daily for symptoms including fever of 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.
- Students may return to school when:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and other symptoms have improved; AND
 - They have a negative test for COVID-19, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

Q: What do I do if my child or a member of my household tests positive.

A: As soon as you receive the results, send an email to health@yavnehdayschool.org so that we can take the necessary next steps to keep our community safe. In addition, keep your child home until you hear from us about the timing of your child's return to campus.

Q: What happens if there is an exposure at school and how will I be notified?

A: As soon as we are notified of a positive test, we will communicate with employees and families of students who are close contacts, in adherence to all privacy laws. We follow all current County guidelines and work closely with the families for the timing for self-quarantine as well as further testing. Information will be provided when students may return to school following a positive test result, and appropriate disinfecting protocols will be followed in the classroom or office. As a community, we will continue to ensure the health and wellness of our students, staff, and Yavneh families.

SCHOOL FACILITIES:

Q: What is the ventilation on campus?

A: In 2020, our school and the entire Levy Family Campus upgraded its filters to Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13. The system receives regular maintenance to ensure that it is properly maintained.

Q: What are the safety protocols in the classroom?

A: All of our classrooms are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Each classroom contains a hand washing station and hand sanitizers. Teachers carry extra masks in their classroom and reinforce regular hand washing and good general hygiene habits.

Q: What are the safety protocols in the bathrooms?

A: Bathrooms are disinfected three times throughout the day and are checked regularly to ensure that there is adequate supply of soap and paper towels.

Q: Will there be hand sanitizing stations?

A: Hand sanitizer is readily available in classrooms, lunch areas, offices and at all entrances and exits. Students are encouraged to use the sanitizing stations throughout the school day. We also reinforce regular hand washing routines.

Q: Are there water fountains or water bottle filling stations on campus?

A: The water fountains on campus have been disabled. We have bottle filling stations throughout the campus for students to refill water bottles brought from home.

Q: Will the students be able to use the playground this year?

A: Yes, students will be able to play on the playground during both of their recess breaks.

Q: Will the students be able to use the Beit Kehillah this year?

A: Yes, Tefillah and Torah Services will be held in the Beit Kehillah. Students will sit with their classes instead of commingled among the grades.

Q: Will students be able to use the gym on campus this year for PE?

A: Yes, students will be using the gym this year in PE.

Q: Will teachers be allowed to use the Staff Room?

A: Yes, teachers will be using the Staff Room, which is cleaned and disinfected daily. Teachers will maintain 3 feet of distance when eating, as well.

Q: Will students be using the community kitchen?

A: For now, the kitchen will not be used by students.

Q: Will my Middle School student be allowed to visit the cafe on campus?

A: Unfortunately, the cafe is currently closed.

Q: Will there be a document drop-off/pick-up station located outside the building?

A: Yes, there is a contactless pick-up location in front of the school. The guard at the front door can assist you if you need to drop something off for the office.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Q: Will specialists be allowed in the classroom this year?

A: Depending on the lesson, specialists will teach their lessons in grade level classrooms, their own classrooms, or communal spaces.

Q: How do school procedures change on a rainy day?

A: On rainy days, students will eat inside their classrooms or larger communal spaces maintaining appropriate distance. All surfaces will be disinfected between groups.

Q: Will there be a hot lunch program this year?

A: While we are looking into hot lunch programs for this year, currently students will need to bring their own snack and lunch from home. Please be aware of the kashrut guidelines when packing your child's lunch.

Q: Are parents and families allowed on campus?

A: While the guidance may change based on federal, state and county guidelines, for now, parents will be invited to join us for some activities located outside. Masks will be **required** at all such events and anyone feeling sick or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 **must** stay home. Schools have been advised to limit the access to campus of nonessential visitors who have not been fully vaccinated. We ask that families take care in respecting this guidance from the California Department of Public Health.

Q: Can families join for Kabbalat Shabbat?

A: While the guidance may change based on federal, state and county guidelines, for now, we are very pleased that parents will be invited to join us from time to time for Kabbalat Shabbat services when they are outside. These invitations may be staggered throughout the year by grade. We encourage you to read the weekly Hashavua for updates and invitations. Masks will be **required** at all such events and anyone feeling sick or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home. Schools have been advised to limit nonessential visitors to campus who have not been fully vaccinated and we ask that families take care in respecting this guidance from the California Department of Public Health.

Q: How do I get together with my child's teacher if I have a concern?

A: Please email any concerns directly to your child's teacher. They will work with you to find a mutually agreeable time to meet.

Q: How will I be informed about any changes to Yavneh's COVID-19 safety practices?

A: We will provide regular updates and information to all families either by email or in the weekly Hashavua. More time-sensitive messages will be sent by email from: health@yavnehdayschool.org.