



*Preparing students to become well-educated, inquiring,
compassionate leaders.*

Desert Jewish Academy Community,

Over the last few months, the Desert Jewish Academy has been working with various agencies to design a set of guidelines to help ensure the safety and health of your children while they attend our school. The following are the first of a new set of protocols the staff and students will need to implement in our new reality. We will communicate any changes to these protocols to students and parents before they take effect. These new guidelines will go into effect when we are cleared to hold in-person instruction at the DJA campus.

- 1) When on-campus learning begins, the Desert Jewish Academy will be closed every Wednesday for deep cleaning and distance-learning will take place.
- 2) Each student will be screened daily, at the gate, for illness upon arrival at the Desert Jewish Academy. This will include symptom and temperature checks.
- 3) Only students and DJA Staff will be allowed past the gate onto campus.
- 4) Each student will be required to wear a mask/face cover during their time on campus.
- 5) We will enhance deep cleaning and disinfecting procedures of classrooms, materials, equipment, and any other items students and staff encounter daily.
- 6) Each classroom will have a modified, grade-appropriate, layout to properly encourage and maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- 7) There will be no shared objects/materials of any kind including pencils, markers, Chromebooks, headphones, etc.
- 8) We will not be allowing classrooms to interact with each other, physically. We will limit physical interaction between classrooms by mandating that each class will have their own bathroom on campus, their own recess time, and their own lunch time. Virtual hangouts will be utilized.
- 9) Students must have insulated lunch boxes and ready-made food. No refrigerators or warm-ups will be available to limit cross-contamination. All allergy and Kosher rules still apply.
- 10) No backpacks will be allowed on campus to limit the number of items going back and forth between home and school.
- 11) Multi-class gatherings such as assemblies, field trips, Tefillah, and Shabbat will not be allowed, physically. Virtual gatherings will be implemented in their place until further notice.
- 12) Signs and messages will be on display in high traffic areas to ensure social distancing protocols are followed.
- 13) If a student or staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19, the Desert Jewish Academy community will be notified, and we will move to our distance-learning model for a minimum of 14 days. The transition from in-class learning to our Distance-Learning Method will occur within 12 hours of school closure.

We understand that with these new protocols the DJA will look and feel quite different than previous years. Our number one job is to protect your children to the best of our ability, and we feel these new protocols will help to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and keep your children safe. We will continue to lead in being innovative and adapt to our new normal and ensure each child continues to get the educational and personal growth, guidance, attention, and nurturing they deserve. We are all in this together and we must stay #DJAstrong. Thank you and stay well.