



## **BEECC COVID-19 Policies and Protocols-Updated 5/28/22**

As a preschool, we are committed first and foremost to the health and safety of our students. We are aware of the changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and the different variants which have emerged over the past two years. The situation remains fluid, so we continue to be alert to any changes and will develop new policies, if needed. Our decisions are based on recommendations from the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health, the FCPS response to COVID-19 and discussions with the CBE COVID-19 Task Force. Parents will be updated with any changes that are implemented.

### **Section 1: General Policies and Precautions**

#### **1-A Building Precautions:**

- Other than BEECC and CBE staff, parents and other adults are asked not to enter the school wing of the synagogue during core school hours, 9:15-1:30.
- Only parents or authorized adults of children attending aftercare may come into the building for pick up. Parents must wait at the classroom door and may not enter the classroom or other play area.
- Only vaccinated and masked adults may enter the school building. Vaccination card information should be uploaded into the CBE database:  
<https://www.bethemeth.org/form/vaccine-status>
- CBE reserves the right to request proof of vaccination to enter the building.

#### **1-B Precautions at Home:**

- We ask all parents to monitor their children's health and keep their child home if the child has symptoms of COVID-19, such as a sore throat, coughing, runny nose. We know that these are also symptoms of common childhood illnesses, but in our current environment, we would like all families to err on the side of caution.
- It is important to remember that what you do as a family may impact the community. Large gatherings and indoor events increase the likelihood of infection.
- Wearing masks during any indoor activities, that are not in the home is also recommended.

#### **1-C Masking:**

- Staff/Adults must wear masks inside the CBE building, regardless of vaccination status.
- Parents must wear a mask during drop off and pick up.

- Students must wear masks inside the CBE building.
- **N95 or KN95 standard** masks, when worn correctly, provide a greater amount of protection than cloth or other masks available. We recommend that all adults and children use these masks when on the preschool/synagogue grounds.
- Parents must provide multiple masks for their child each day and we recommend that children have 3-4 masks with them every day. Wet masks must be changed during the day and are often changed multiple times.

#### 1-D Food Related Precautions:

- BEECC students will bring their own snacks and lunch to school. All snacks must be nut-free and vegetarian (no meat or shellfish).
- A distance of 3 feet during snack and lunch time will be followed when seated.

#### 1-E Additional Safety Precautions:

- From 9:15-1:30, each age group is considered a pod and interaction between the classrooms is confined to Shabbat celebrations, where the classes are socially distanced.
- Classes will be encouraged to learn and eat outside, depending on the weather.
- High touch areas will be cleaned before and after eating and between table activities.
- Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before entering the classroom and hand washing will be frequent throughout the day (e.g. before and after eating, outdoor play, hands on projects, when children have a runny nose)

#### 1-F Testing:

- CBE may require testing of all BEECC students to return to school following a scheduled break. We recommend that parents keep COVID-19 rapid antigen tests on hand for both return to school testing, and participation in Test to Stay (TTS) protocols as described in Sec. 2-B-2 below. If BEECC families need tests, but do not have access to them, please contact the office. We will do what we can to help, but cannot guarantee the availability of tests through CBE.
- On January 19, 2022, the federal government launched a program to deliver four test kits to every household. We encourage community members to request kits to have on hand. Tests through this program can be requested at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>
- Beginning January 15, 2022, new regulations require private insurance companies and group insurance plans to provide reimbursement for up to 8 over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per covered individual, per month. If community members are interested in obtaining COVID-19 test kits, please consider contacting your insurer to determine your coverage and how to purchase.

## **Section 2: COVID-19 Response Protocols**

### **2-A If a BEECC Student Tests Positive for COVID-19:**

#### **2-A-1 Parents/guardians of the child who tested positive will:**

- Inform the preschool in an email immediately by emailing [COVID19Notification@bethemeth.org](mailto:COVID19Notification@bethemeth.org) The email must include the child's name, grade, the date they tested positive or first showed symptoms, and the date they were last in school.
- Have the child isolate for ten days, beginning from the day the child tested positive or the appearance of symptoms, whichever is earlier. Consistent with CDC guidance, that date is Day 0 for purposes of calculating quarantine and isolation.
- After a ten-day isolation, the child may return if they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms have improved.

#### **2-A-2 BEECC will:**

- To the fullest extent possible, based on information provided by the parents/guardians of the child who tested positive and attendance records, determine the scope of COVID-19 exposure within the BEECC community.
- Send a communication to the families in that child's classroom as soon as possible, and no later than 18 hours, after receipt of notification indicating that a student in their child's classroom has tested positive for COVID-19, and that their child may have been exposed at school on a particular date.
  - If it has been determined that the class, as a whole, has been exposed, the impacted classroom(s) will close for five (5) days following the date of exposure and impacted students are expected to quarantine. Students may return to school after 5 days provided they have a negative rapid test the day prior to returning to school.
- Send a communication to the entire BEECC community within 24 hours of notification informing parents/guardians that a child in the preschool has tested positive and that exposure in the community may have occurred on a specific day.

#### **2-A-3 Extended Day Programs:**

- BEECC Staff and CBE leadership acknowledge the complexity that before-care and after-care programs may bring to any COVID-19 response in the BEECC community.
- In the event that a BEECC student's COVID-19 positive test indicates exposure to students in the extended day programs, BEECC staff, supported by the CBE COVID-19 Task Force, will determine which students and classrooms were most likely exposed.
- Additional classrooms may need to close, and students may need to quarantine, based on the specific circumstances of the incident. Families will be notified based on the protocols outlined in Section 2-A-2.

## 2-B: If a BEECC Student Has a Known Exposure to COVID-19:

2-B-1: In the event that a BEECC student exposed at school tests positive for COVID-19 or develops symptoms during isolation, the parents/guardians of the student will:

- Inform the preschool in an email immediately to [COVID19Notification@bethemeth.org](mailto:COVID19Notification@bethemeth.org). The email must include the child's name, grade, the date they tested positive or first showed symptoms, and the date they were last in school.
- Have the child quarantine for an additional ten days, beginning from the day the child tested positive or the appearance of symptoms, whichever is earlier. Consistent with CDC guidance, that date is Day 0 for purposes of calculating quarantine and isolation.
- After a ten-day quarantine, the child may return if they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms have improved.

2-B-2: If the exposure occurred outside the school community:

- Modified Test to Stay (TTS) Protocol for potential exposures
  - BEECC is implementing a modified Test to Stay (TTS) protocol in an effort to prevent community exposures from resulting in disruptions to the school program. This protocol allows us to have a higher level of risk tolerance while still protecting the health of our students and the school community.
- In order to allow parents to make the most informed decisions possible for their families, BEECC will communicate potential exposures as described in Sec. 2-A-2. In the case of community exposures, BEECC will endeavor to keep classrooms open and operating, but will ask students to participate in a serial testing program as follows:
- Students will take two rapid antigen tests within a 7 day period.
  - The first test will be taken 1-3 days following potential exposure (prior to the first class following exposure). Students who test negative will be able to continue to participate in the BEECC program.
  - The second test will be taken 4-7 days following the potential exposure (but at least 48 hours following the first test). Again, students must test negative to participate in school.
- Students who test positive, or who develop symptoms should quarantine as described in Sec. 2-B-2