

October 2, 2020

Dear KSDS Families:

We want to begin with a huge thank you for going above and beyond, for exercising care and commitment to our health and safety guidelines and for continuing to partner with us as we work together to safely maintain on-campus and virtual learning programs. We remain extremely grateful to our faculty and staff for giving such dedication to our students' learning in every environment.

This letter will provide significant new information. Please read carefully.

- 1) Please view our [Covid-19 Dashboard](#). The "Dashboard" is intended to keep you informed and updated on suspected and confirmed Covid-19 cases in our school and institution. Please note that families will continue to be notified directly regarding any impact to your child's specific *kvutzah*. However, you may check the dashboard as often as you wish. It will be updated each morning except for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays. While this document is visible to anyone with the link, we respectfully request you do not share the dashboard beyond our school community.
- 2) We will remain in the RED SAFETY LEVEL for October with modifications effective October 5th:
 - a) We will **open our playground for scheduled use by Lower School kvutzot**, one *kvutzah* at a time. Students on the playground will remain masked. The playground remains closed after school and on weekends.
 - b) For special occasions, the school may provide individually-packaged treats or snacks for students. We are grateful to Leonard and Phyllis Attman for sponsoring a special treat for all on-campus students to eat during the *Sukkot* week in the Attman Family *Sukkah*.
- 3) Clarification about COVID-19 testing:
 - a) KSDS does not accept negative results from a "rapid antigen" COVID test, though if you or your child take this test, we appreciate hearing about it.
 - b) For school to accept a negative test result as part of the decision aid process, the test must be a PCR Nasal Swab **AND** an electronic copy of the official documentation of the test results must be provided to the school nurses.
 - c) Any quarantine resulting from violations of the ethical covenant requires 14 days. A negative COVID test, of any kind, does not change this requirement.
- 4) Any possible changes to the hybrid schedule will be communicated to you no later than October 15th and take effect November 2nd.
 - a) Please note that **school will be closed on November 25th**. Families are encouraged to find ways to contribute to the community in a safe manner: KSDS will not run our annual Day of Service programming that day this year.
 - b) **The week of January 4-8th will be entirely virtual for all grades**. This ensures the safety of our school community upon return from winter break. Families who need additional

time to quarantine after winter break should notify the school their child/children will continue to learn remotely.

- 5) We appreciate parents who have “pivoted” and had wonderful socially distanced birthday parties and other small gatherings. Please refer to our birthday party policy in our [parent handbook](#) and [ethical covenant](#) as guides for planning safely as we move forward.
- 6) As the weather begins to cool, it is imperative that students dress appropriately for outside activities. Please note that our intent is to continue to eat and drink exclusively outdoors. Please clearly label all personal belongings, especially jackets and sweatshirts!

May the *Sukkot* festival bring joy and happiness to you and your families. *Chag Sameach*.

Rabbi Moshe