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Krieger Schechter Day School Family Ethical Covenant

The Krieger Schechter Day School community/*kehillah* is one rooted in Jewish values. Our love of learning is embedded in the fertile ground of acts of loving kindness/*gemilut hasidim*. In the face of a global pandemic and a health crisis impacting our community and as an institution of learning anchored in Jewish tradition, it is incumbent upon us to forge a path that is respectful of the educational, social-emotional, AND health needs of our KSDS community. As parents, students, families, teachers, administrators and staff, we all have a part to play in ensuring the health and safety of all members of our community/*kehillah*.

The following *brit*, ethical covenant, lays out our communal expectations of one another in this time. These expectations apply both when we are together in the school building, and when we are in our own homes, neighborhoods and communities outside of Krieger Schechter. These guidelines are designed to keep you healthy; as a member of a sacred Jewish community/*kehillah*, they are also designed to keep those around you healthy.

- As a parent, work with your child(ren) to practice and understand the value of participating in all measures designed to slow the spread of the virus
- Wear a mask over mouth and nose and maintain physical distancing guidelines when in our building
- Practice good hand hygiene and adhere to bathroom protocols when in the building
- Complete and submit the daily COVID-19 screening questionnaire via the Renweb app prior to your child leaving for school
- Stay home and keep your child at home when displaying any signs or symptoms of illness
- Notify the school nurses when your child is sick
- Work with your healthcare provider should you or any member of your household demonstrate symptoms of COVID-19

- Should you or any member of your household test positive for COVID-19, immediately report this to the KSDS school nurses
- Should you or any member of your household have a known exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19, immediately report this to the KSDS school nurses
- Receive the seasonal flu vaccine by December 1st
- Avoid non-essential travel by public transportation (air, train, bus).
Community members who travel by public transportation should notify the school nurses and isolate as directed upon return.
- When not on-campus, unvaccinated students and families should adhere to practices as outlined by the [CDC](#) that reduce the chances of spreading or being infected by the virus, including:
 - When indoors with unvaccinated non-household members, remaining masked at all times and maintaining 6ft of social distancing. If 6ft of distancing is not possible, minimize exposure to under 15 minutes.
 - Medical appointments, parent jobs are general exceptions; we also understand that siblings who live at home and attend other schools may have slightly different policies at their schools.
 - When outdoors unmasked, with unvaccinated non-household members, maintaining a minimum of 6ft of distancing at all times.
 - When outdoors with unvaccinated non-household members and 6ft of distancing is **NOT** able to be maintained, remain **masked** and minimize exposure to under 15 minutes.
- Interactions with vaccinated non-household members is covered by a [school communication dated 3/18/21](#)
- Be an upstander by reminding others in your community/*kehillah* to abide by these practices

By maintaining the same procedures when on-campus and when off-campus in our daily lives, we protect our ability to keep our school open for on-campus learning.

Non-compliance with any of the tenets of the agreement puts all members at an unnecessary and increased risk of virus exposure. Further, intentional and/or repeated non-compliance with the above measures may result in the loss of the privilege of participating on-campus, or may result in the student being asked to remain home for a 14 day quarantine period.

The primary intent of this agreement is to protect our health by minimizing exposure to COVID-19 and subsequent spread of the virus. The secondary goal is to help us to find our commonality and to guide us through this crisis so that we may emerge an even stronger community/*kehillah* on the other side.

In order for this to happen, it is important to approach our school reopening and the 2020-2021 school year with trust, empathy and generosity of spirit.

- Trust in the school that its administration and faculty are acting in good faith and with the best interests of the entire school community, just as the school trusts that parents and children are doing the same
- Assume that perspectives and decisions that differ from your own are offered with the best of intentions
- Treat others with the same emotional generosity and empathy that you wish for yourself and your family

I have read the above covenant and understand my responsibility as a member of the Krieger Schechter community.

Parent/Faculty Signature (Electronic)

[Must be signed by **all** parents/guardians]