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Dear KSDS families,

We are writing to share our updated health and safety protocols with you for the 21-22 school year. We are committed to learning on-campus and in-person for the entirety of the school year. As such, our health and safety protocols reflect our goal to protect our youngest and most vulnerable, who remain unvaccinated as well as those with underlying health conditions.

We will begin the school year with an indoor mask policy for all adults and children in the building. Simply put, MASKS REDUCE TRANSMISSION. Additional details about how this plays out as part of the daily routine is included in a comprehensive Q&A that accompanies this letter and is linked on our website.

We are pleased to report that 100% of building-wide employees are vaccinated against COVID-19, including all new hires.

- We wish to prepare families for the policy approved by our Health and Safety Committee that **the COVID-19 vaccine will be required for all students once it receives emergency use authorization (EUA)** for ages 5-11.
 - Families will have 30 days from the date of EUA approval for 5-11 year olds to obtain the first dose for all as of yet unvaccinated students of any age.
- **The annual flu vaccine will also be required for all students and staff by December 3rd.**

While there will not be a family ethical covenant this year as we had last year, we still are highly recommending everyone, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, be masked at any indoor setting.

- There are no domestic travel restrictions. However, there are risks everywhere and we urge the greatest caution no matter the method of travel.
- For families traveling internationally, please contact the school nurses prior to your departure so we can review the appropriate timeline for testing upon return. Please note that for anyone returning from international travel, the school still adheres to the current CDC guidelines which require testing and a 7-day quarantine for unvaccinated individuals returning from outside the U.S.

We are sincerely appreciative of the continued guidance from our Health and Safety Committee. We anticipate changes to policies throughout the year and will make every effort to remain as consistent as possible and to communicate changes to you in a clear and timely manner. We

recognize that the COVID landscape is still rapidly changing and we appreciate your support and partnership as we navigate this school year together.

Rabbi Moshe, Nurse Donna, Nurse Monica

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