



FAQ'S

Are you opening this fall?

Yes! Our first day of school will be September 8. We are accepting up to 8 two-year-olds and up to 10 three- and four-year-olds.

What will drop-off look like?

Families will complete a health questionnaire each morning on the Remini app, then they will drive up to the school entrance. Since visitors are not permitted in the school, students will be met at the door by a director to have their temperature taken with an infrared thermometer. They will then enter school to be met by their class teacher.

Will children be required to wear masks all day?

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families encourages mask wearing for everyone, and all adults will be wearing masks all day. They also recognize that expecting preschool children to wear masks is not developmentally or age appropriate. Children will be encouraged to wear masks, but not required. Fun printed disposable child-size masks are available at the school.

The goal of the state guidelines is to create separate "pods" within the school. These pods then become like families at home, where masks are not required.

How will you stop children from sharing things?

Within each class, sharing is actually acceptable. Nonetheless, we will provide each child with their own box of supplies (crayons, markers, and so on) to use each day. Toys will be limited so they can be disinfected each day after school and rotated in use.

How will you keep the classes/pods separate?

We are fortunate to have 8 classrooms for our use. With only 2 or 3 classes this year, there is room to spread out. We also have 2 playgrounds and a large grassy area, so the classes can rotate days on each and allow ample time for cleaning and disinfecting between uses. We also have the use of the multipurpose room and the social hall in the synagogue during the school day, allowing plenty of distanced space for indoor activities. Teachers will stay with the same pod all day every day.

We have never seen the school or the building – how can we get our child ready for school?

We will be happy to take you on a virtual tour of the school, and we will have several orientation Zoom meetings before school begins to introduce everyone and play games and hear stories together online.

How are you offering Enrichment activities in the afternoons?

We will have our specialists Zoom in on our giant SMART Board, so children can enjoy many of our usual activities including Music, Yoga, Tae Kwon Do, and virtual field trips to all sorts of places. Picture the SMART Board in the multipurpose room and children distanced on yoga mats participating with the activity leader!

How will lunch and snack work?

All children will bring their own food in their own containers from home each day. Teachers will assist as needed, being sure to wear gloves. There will be no sharing of food. Snacks provided by the preschool will be individually wrapped, single servings.

What if someone tests positive for COVID-19?

We are required to follow the NJ DCF procedures as explained in [this document](#). We are relying on all of our families to help keep one another safe by honest, accurate reporting of their own health.