

# Providence Hebrew Day School

## Reopening Plan 2020-2021

### Full, Partial, or Limited In-Person Scenario

As we are a small school, we plan to have all or most students on campus in all scenarios except full distance learning -- the main difference will be the size of our pods. For a full or partial reopening scenario, we will have pods of 30, most of which consist of multiple grades grouped together. The grades making up a bigger pod will remain in their separate classrooms during the day but will use the same bathrooms and may have recess together. All classes will eat lunch separately. For a limited reopening, our pods will be capped at 15 and classes will no longer have recess together. Only 2 grades will be affected by the 15 student cap -- these grades will have a small group of students in a separate classroom attending via zoom. Which students are in which classroom (in person or on zoom) will rotate to be fair to all students.

The Reopening Committee will serve as the liaison for all parental, staff and student concerns about reopening. Please address any comments or concerns to the committee via Mrs. Peromsik at [mperomsik@phdschool.org](mailto:mperomsik@phdschool.org).

#### A. Face Masks and Coverings

1. All staff and visitors will be required to wear masks while in the building.
2. All students will be required to wear masks in the hallways and during classroom instruction, even in stable group settings. Masks will not be required during lunch or at any time when a student is having any difficulty breathing. Teachers will allow short “mask breaks” away from other people as needed.
3. Students are also expected to wear masks during recess, unless, during outdoor recess, they can continually maintain a distance of at least 6 ft from all other people.
4. Staff and students should bring masks from home, but in case of need, the school will have extra masks available. Masks with clear mouth and nose areas for those teachers interacting with early childhood students on a regular basis will be provided.
5. Plexiglass dividers will be placed on all teachers’ and administrators’ desks.

#### B. Social Distancing and Organizing Personnel

1. Since start times are already staggered, there is no need to adjust start times.
2. Students will be admitted to the building in groups related to their pods. Students will go straight to their classrooms rather than to a designated arrival area.
3. All staff must complete a self-attestation (attached, also available at [www.phdschool.org/covid19](http://www.phdschool.org/covid19)) daily before arriving in school.
4. All parents must complete a self-attestation (attached, also available at [www.phdschool.org/covid19](http://www.phdschool.org/covid19)) for their enrolled children daily before their children arrive in school.
5. Even in stable groups, staff and students will physically distance as much as possible.

6. Pawtucket bus students will count as a separate stable group. Only siblings will sit in adjacent seats on the bus. All other students walk to school or are transported by their parents.
7. Traffic in hallways will be one way on either side of each hallway; signage will be posted.
8. Interior stairs will be one way only, up or down, as posted.
9. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
10. Bathrooms will be designated for specific pods.
11. Dismissal will be directly from classrooms rather than from a designated dismissal area. One family will be called at a time.
12. After school programming will be limited to one pod of bus students with a consistent supervisor, and one pod of staff children.
13. Visitors will be restricted to the front vestibule and office unless otherwise determined by the dean.
14. All desks will face the same direction. In classrooms with tables, students will only sit on one side of the table.
15. Students will have designated seats in their classrooms.
16. All performances and practices for such will be canceled until determined to be safe.
17. All drinking fountains will be disabled. Please send in water bottles with your children until a safer solution is found.

C. Communication with Staff and Students

1. Staff and parents will be reminded in weekly newsletters (sent electronically and with paper copies) and through signage in the building to stay home if they are sick, etc.
2. Signage about wearing masks, bathroom usage limitations, one-way usage of sides of hallways and stairwells will be posted.

D. Classroom Usage and Pods -- Pre-K through Grade Eight

1. Due to our small class sizes, most pods of 30 will be comprised of multiple grades.
2. Pods of 15 or fewer will be comprised of single grades. Two grades will need to be further subdivided if all students are present in school.
3. All students will remain in their designated classrooms all day. Teachers will come to those rooms as needed. This includes the two homeroom teachers as well as any specialists. 4th-8th grade students, who are subdivided for some class periods, may have multiple designated classrooms that they will move between.
4. Any student who receives one-on-one or small group support will do so in a space in which he/she can be six feet away from the provider as well as any other students in the group. Small groups will be restricted to students from the same pod.
5. Science classes in middle school will be staggered so each grade is in the science lab only once a week with other classes in the grade's designated classroom. The lab will be thoroughly disinfected between grades.
6. PE classes will either be outside or in the auditorium. When they are in the auditorium no other students can be in there at that time and a designated walk space will be set aside for people who have to get from one side of the building to the other.