



# Denver Jewish Day School's Plan for School in 2020 - 21

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## Dear Denver JDS Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work carefully and diligently to prepare our school for the safe return of your children to campus. We are eager to see their smiling faces for the 2020-21 school year!

This document outlines our current plans for the upcoming school year, along with new procedures, expectations and potential learning models to be implemented as needed. *Our small size means we will likely be able to have all students on campus, every day.* Regardless of which learning scenario we implement in the fall, we remain committed to providing our students with an extraordinary education that will challenge, engage and inspire them.

We are so grateful for the Denver JDS community and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support during these difficult times.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. We look forward to seeing you soon!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Avi Halzel".

Avi Halzel, Head of School/CEO



# The reopening of Denver JDS is guided by the following key principles:



Protecting the health and safety of students and staff. Faculty and staff will be trained in current health guidelines.

The guidelines set out by the State of CO, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Tri-County Health, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our school reopening committee.

Providing students with the best educational scenario based on the current health situation.

Providing as much in-school learning as possible.

# Four Learning Scenarios



- 1 All Students Every Day Model
- 2 Hybrid Model
- 3 Remote Learning Model
- 4 Traditional School Model (if and when the health crisis ends)

If needed, Denver JDS will be able to quickly switch between these models without losing valuable school days.

## 1 All Students Every Day Model

Ideally, we will have in-school learning at Denver JDS for all students on a daily basis. Our small size means in-school learning should be possible provided class size maximums are set at 18 or higher by the state of Colorado, which is likely.

- Students will be divided into classes of 18 or smaller.
- This allows students to work in smaller pods of students and faculty to the extent possible, maximizing learning and engagement.

## 2 Hybrid Model

The Hybrid Model combines in-school and remote learning. This model will be used if we receive guidance that requires the school to have fewer students in school at one time than we have in our regular classes.

- Our hybrid model would likely divide the school into two groups.
- Each group would have 2-3 days/week of classes at school, alternating with 2-3 days per week of enhanced remote learning.

### 3 Enhanced Remote Learning Model

Remote learning 2.0. This model will be used if we receive guidance that the school must temporarily cease in-school learning. This model will incorporate:

- Ongoing implementation of global best practices learned during the recent remote learning experience.
- Continued professional development for faculty, designed to enhance remote teaching skills.
- Continued investment in platforms & technology to help students experience even greater success with remote learning.

### 4 Traditional School Model

In this model school looks much like it did before the COVID-19 crisis began. This model would be implemented if a vaccine successfully ends the health crisis or if the health crisis ends some other way. Some COVID-19 preventative procedures may remain in place.

- Although this may be unlikely to happen next year we hold out hope, as we are an optimistic group!

# The following COVID-19 procedures will be in place at Denver JDS to help protect the wellbeing of our students and staff.



## Entering and exiting the building

- Use of multiple and designated entrances/exits. Students will be assigned a door to enter and exit through during drop-off and dismissal.
- Distancing upon entering/exiting.
- Mandatory hand sanitizing when entering the building.
- Temperature checks, per current guidance for schools.
- Parents and guests enter the building by appointment only.

## Classrooms

- Classroom size will not exceed numbers recommended by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).
- Students will work in pods as much as possible.
- Appropriate distance between desks.
- Social distancing.
- Students will eat lunch in small groups.
- Mask usage, for children and adults.

## Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing

- Students will use hand sanitizer before going to class and before leaving at the end of the day.
- Students and teachers will wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds throughout the day.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands before and after eating, going outside and returning inside.

## Additional Cleaning

- Regularly touched surfaces will be sanitized frequently.
- School facilities will undergo frequent deep cleaning.

## Shared Materials

- Sharing of materials and handheld items will be limited to the extent possible.
- Materials that have to be shared will be sanitized between usage.
- Students will need to bring their own supplies such as pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

## Illness

- Students who show any signs of illness may NOT attend school.
- Students who show signs of illness or have a temperature of 100° F or higher will be sent home from school.
- Children can return to school 24 hours after they are no longer showing ANY symptoms of illness.
- If any member of the household has symptoms of COVID-19, do NOT send your child to school.
- Parents must let the school know immediately concerning the diagnosis of COVID-19 for anyone living in your household.
- Faculty and staff will follow school and state guidelines regarding illness.
- State guidelines must be followed upon diagnosis of COVID-19.



## Work In Progress

- These plans are a work in progress and subject to change during the summer based on the health situation.
- We are awaiting guidance from the state and the CDE concerning the maximum number of students allowed in a classroom. This number will be important for all schools in the state, as it will determine how schools can operate.
- As noted, our smaller size is a significant advantage!

# If you have questions, please contact:



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