

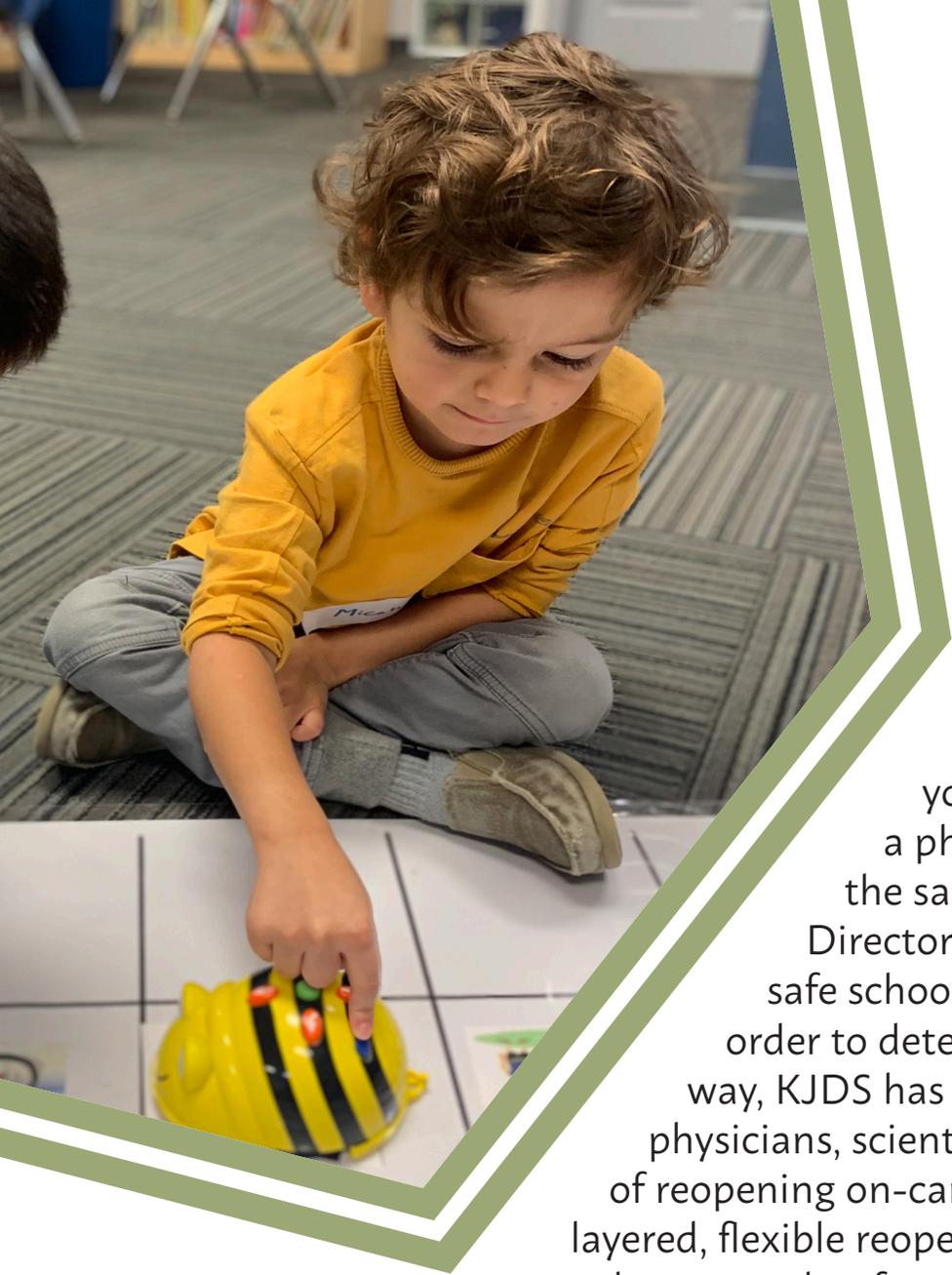
STANFORD EISENBERG

KJDS

KNOXVILLE JEWISH
DAY SCHOOL



**RETURNING TO THE KJDS CAMPUS
2020-2021**



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At the Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School, we believe that all students, particularly our young K-5 learners, benefit tremendously from being in a physical classroom with their teachers and friends. At the same time, KJDS administration, faculty, and Board of Directors are fully committed to maintaining a healthy and safe school environment for our students and their families. In order to determine how to move forward in the most responsible way, KJDS has established a Reopening Task Force comprised of physicians, scientists, and community experts to first assess the viability of reopening on-campus learning this fall, and then to develop a multi-layered, flexible reopening plan that will guide KJDS through potentially unknown and unforeseeable scenarios.



ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

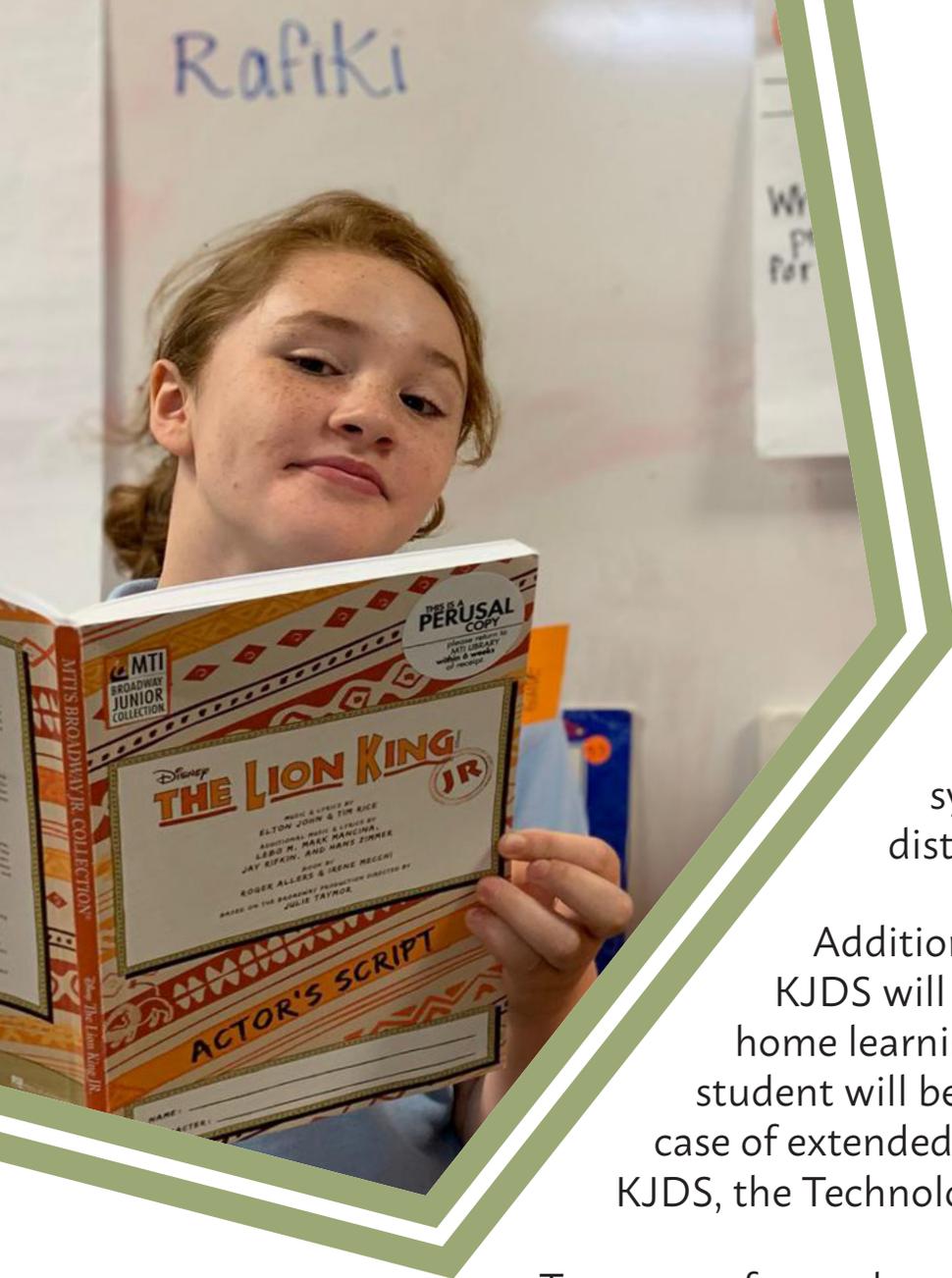
In consultation with the KJDS Reopening Task Force, we have determined that KJDS is able to make the necessary modifications to safely welcome our students back onto our campus in August 2020.

Closure of Knox County schools will not necessarily mandate a KJDS closure. The KJDS administration and Reopening Task Force will maintain a close understanding and evaluation of the safety of on-campus learning and will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students and their families.

Drop-off time will remain the same at 7:30 AM. Tefilla will begin at 8:10 AM.

KJDS will begin the year without aftercare. However, we are extending pickup time to 4:00 PM.

The Task Force will revisit the possibility of providing aftercare in the coming months. We look forward to the time when we will be able to resume our aftercare program.



ENSURING ACADEMIC CONTINUITY AND EXCELLENCE

In the event that an extended KJDS closure becomes necessary, we will transition to KJDS@home (online learning). Learning from our experience with virtual learning this past spring - and the invaluable feedback that we received - we are modifying our KJDS@home structure. KJDS@home will be a blend of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (accessible anytime) distance learning.

Additionally, to ensure academic continuity and excellence, KJDS will be structuring learning to shift between in-class and at-home learning. Students will gain tools for independence and each student will be familiar with the device they will bring home in the case of extended absence or closure. To offset the associated expense to KJDS, the Technology Fee will be increased to \$100.

To prepare for student absences due to strict sick policies, KJDS is exploring options for streamlining classes and hiring a tutor to support students who are absent for extended periods of time.

KJDS PLAN FOR RISK MITIGATION

While specific decisions and plans will be finalized over the next several weeks as the Task Force continues to finalize our reopening plan, KJDS is developing plans in the following areas including, but not limited to:

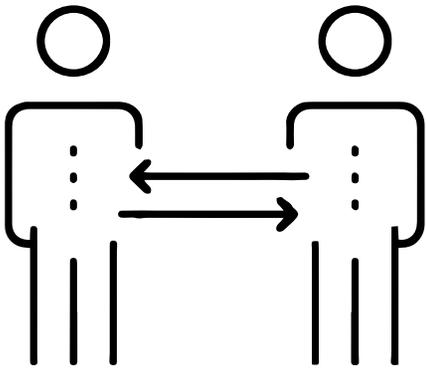
KEEPING OUT THE VIRUS BEFORE IT ENTERS

1. Strict adherence to KJDS Sick Policy
2. Changes to campus access for visitors and parents
3. Screening for anyone entering campus
4. Immediate disclosure of any known exposure to COVID-19
5. Disclosure of any family travel
6. Sanitizing and cleaning processes
7. Installation of additional handwashing stations for students along with lessons on proper hygiene/handwashing



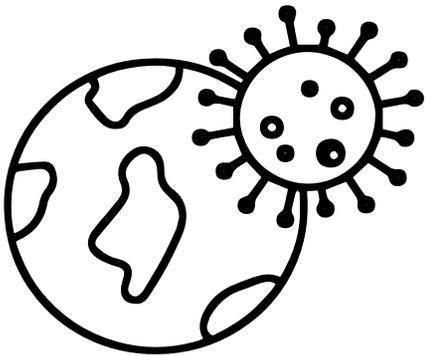
B. **MANAGING SAFE INTERACTIONS**

1. The use of masks in public gathering spaces and other strategic times throughout the day
2. Upgrades to HVAC filtration and ventilation system
3. Maximize use of outdoor space
4. Modification of programs and events (including daily tefillah and lunch)
5. Classroom furniture adjustments to allow for more distancing between students



KEEPING GROUPS IN COHORTS TO AVOID WIDESPREAD EXPOSURE

1. Drama will be moved to the second half of the year
2. Reconfiguration of specialized classes to avoid unnecessary crossing of cohorts
3. No aftercare (at least in beginning of year)



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MINIMIZE CONTACT AND CROSS-CONTAMINATION

- 1.** Additional cleaning of bathrooms and high contact surfaces throughout the day with daily sanitation of entire building
- 2.** Students will keep their lunches at their desks (no lunch bins, warm ups, or school-supplied plates, cutlery, or condiments)
- 3.** Adjustment of specialized class schedules to allow for wipe down of surfaces in-between classes





THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF FAMILIES

Once students return to school we all become part of Team KJDS, working together to keep KJDS virus-free. **Together we can maximize the duration of in-person classes.**

We understand that there are families with higher-risk members in their households. As a community that prioritizes health and safety, we must all do our part to adhere to state recommendations and regulations to control transmission and potential future outbreaks. Moreover there may be times when we ask families to comply with broader safety measures and we greatly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

The three things that you can do to help the team are: **1) beginning July 27 - two weeks prior to the start of school (August 10), avoid public gatherings** (beaches, festivals, concerts, etc.); **2) wear masks in public** places where social distancing is not possible; and **3) practice proper handwashing** at home with your child(ren).

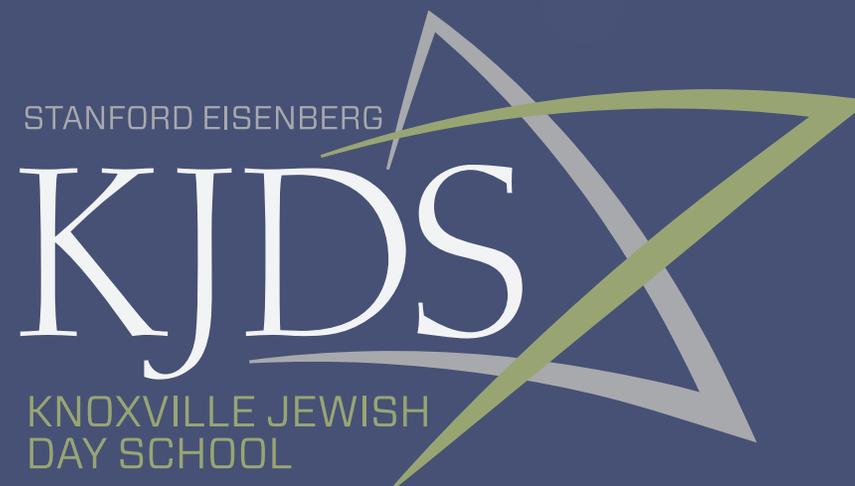
We are eager to hear from each family and help navigate any concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact Miriam Esther at me@kjds.org or 865- 386-3827.



IT'S TIME TO ACT, AND HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- Experiment with a variety of masks to find the one most comfortable for your child.
- Read all KJDS communication. We will be sending detailed updates as we finalize plans for school opening.
- Notify KJDS of any travel plans that will be taking place within two weeks of school opening by family members who are in direct contact with KJDS students. We trust that all families will take the necessary precautions during travel.
- Notify KJDS of any potential or known exposure to COVID-19 by anyone in direct contact with KJDS students.





The Stanford Eisenberg Knoxville Jewish Day School is a vibrant community filled with joy, rooted in core Jewish values, and devoted to academic excellence.