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Dear Parents,

New York State, based on the CDC's updated quarantine recommendations, recently revised their quarantine guidelines for schools. Although the CDC has allowed for either a ten-day quarantine or a seven-day quarantine combined with a negative test, the state guidelines specify that the seven-day-plus-test option is not acceptable for schools. State guidelines do, however, reflect the change from a fourteen-day to a ten-day quarantine for any Covid exposure.

Therefore, after consulting with our medical advisor, we are revising our guidelines to reflect the updated state policy. Effective immediately, any exposure to a Covid-positive case will require a ten-day quarantine. Parents should continue to closely monitor their children for any symptoms for the four-day period immediately following a ten-day quarantine.

Please see below for further guidance regarding Yeshiva policy.

Once again, we thank you for your continued cooperation and partnership in keeping our children, our staff, and the extended family of Ohr Reuven safe and healthy. We continue to *daven* that the *Ribono shel olam* should heal those who are ill and protect all from harm.

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Questions Regarding Quarantine

- **A family member living in our house has tested positive for the virus. My child has no symptoms. May he come to school?**
 - Any student or staff member who has a positive test in their household must quarantine for ten full days from the last exposure to the one who tested positive. Parents should continue to closely monitor their children for any symptoms until fourteen days after the last exposure have passed. That means that they may not come to school until ten full days after the Covid positive family member has been properly isolated from the rest of the household.
- **My family was at a wedding Monday night. After the wedding we found out that one of the guests tested positive for the virus the next day. Do we have to quarantine and for how long?**
 - Yes. The children will not be able to come to school for ten days. Since their last exposure was Monday night, their quarantine would end the following Thursday night, and they may return to school on Friday morning. Parents should continue to monitor closely for the next four days
- **We are planning to travel out of state for *yom tov*. We will not be visiting any parks or other crowded recreational areas. Will our boys be able to return to Yeshiva immediately after the Sukkos break?**
 - Any time you travel out of state to any of the states on the New York State quarantine list and remain in that state for 24 hours or more, you are required to quarantine for a full ten days upon return to New York. Children will not be able to return to school until the quarantine period is complete or until they test out of quarantine. They can test out by getting a negative Covid test within 72 hours before returning to New York and then a second negative test taken no less than 72 hours after return.
- **We were in shul on Shabbos at an outdoor *minyan* with masks and social distancing. After Shabbos we found out that one of the people at the *minyan* was not feeling well over Shabbos and tested positive. Do we have to quarantine?**
 - Since there was proper distancing and mask-wearing the children may return to Yeshiva immediately
- **My son had an indoor exposure to someone who tested positive for the virus, but he was not with him for long. May he come to school?**
 - A child only needs to quarantine if he has a prolonged exposure to someone who is symptomatic or tests positive. Close contact is defined as spending ten minutes or more within six feet of the individual who is positive.

- **My son had an exposure, but we took him for a test and he tested negative. May we send him to school?**
 - No. He must complete the full ten-day quarantine. The virus has an up to two-week incubation period. It is entirely possible for one who is exposed to be carrying levels of the virus too low to be detected and to subsequently become sick from that exposure. **A negative test will not change the need for or the length or quarantine for an exposure.**
- **We were with family over Shabbos. Everyone felt fine over Shabbos and then on Motzaei Shabbos one family member became ill and tested positive. Do we need to keep our boys home?**
 - If your child is in close contact with someone who is fine, but later tests positive, the rule is as follows: If that person develops symptoms or tests positive within 48 hours of your child's last contact with them, he will need to quarantine. If the person became symptomatic or tested positive more than 48 hours after your child's last contact, he may come to Yeshiva.

Questions regarding returning to Yeshiva after an illness-related absence

- **My son was not feeling well this morning. He had a sore throat and a low grade fever. My pediatrician said that he does not believe it is Covid related. Can I send him to school tomorrow?**
 - If your child had mild symptoms that resolved themselves that day, he may return to school the next day if he is fully symptom free
- **My child was diagnosed as Covid positive but has no symptoms. When may he return to school?**
 - A child who is Covid-positive and asymptomatic and does not develop symptoms of the illness may return to school ten days after the positive test.
- **My Child developed symptoms and was Covid positive. When may he return to school?**
 - The child may return to school ten days after he is feeling better and symptoms are fully resolved
- **My child had a fever or other flu-like or respiratory symptoms, but tested negative. May he return to school as soon as he feels better?**
 - No. He too must wait ten days until after symptoms resolve. Alternatively, if the doctor is confident that the illness was not Covid related and the child tests negative for Covid no less than **72 hours after the onset of symptoms, once symptoms have resolved** he may then return to school. **The covid negative test will only be accepted if it is taken after a 72 hour quarantine period.**

- **My child was not feeling well and we took him to the doctor. Our Doctor said that there is a stomach virus going around and he is pretty sure that's all it is. Can he return to school?**
 - He must wait the full ten days until after symptoms resolve. If a child has symptoms and a definite positive test for Strep or the flu or any illness that can be verified through testing, the child may return as soon as he feels better. **Absent a definite diagnosis verified through testing, the child may return to school if he is symptom free and has tested negative for Covid 72 hours or more after the onset of symptoms. The covid negative test will only be accepted if it is taken after the child has quarantined for 72 hours or more. If the child has a covid negative test sooner than the 72 hour period it will not be accepted and he will have to either wait out the full 10 day period or retest after 72 hours.**

Questions regarding schooling during quarantine

- **Is there a way for my child to connect to his classes while in quarantine?**
 - We have arranged for a Zoom link for classes for all children who are home due to Covid protocols. We will share any Zoom links with parents when warranted.
- **Should I worry about my child falling behind while I keep him home due to Covid protocols?**
 - Our *rebbeim* and teachers are sensitive to the challenges posed by the current situation and are prepared, along with our special services staff, to help support any child who has an unforeseeable, prolonged absence due to Covid-related issues.

If you have any concerns, questions or need for clarification of any of the policies and protocols, please reach out to us at safety@ohrreuve.com.