

Dear Preschool families,

Several of you have reached out with questions regarding our re-opening. We present here, a list of Questions & Answers. Later this month, we will post this on our website: www.ganofgreenwich.org. We will also post important emails we send to the preschool community. Each will be labeled with a date of issue and an "Update #". This email is Update #2.

Please note that the information we are sharing is based on the latest guidance from the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC). Please be patient - when their guidance changes, our plans may need adjusting.

We understand these are challenging times for everyone. Our doors are always open. You are welcome to set up a time to talk or email us with any questions. On July 15th we will have a ZOOM meeting. Feel free to submit any questions for the call. Link to follow.

Wishing you good health and good news!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Impact of COVID-19 on Preschool Opening

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1. When will teachers wear masks?	Teachers will wear masks at all times while indoors. Masks will also be worn outside when not able to practice safe social distancing (6 ft).
2. What is the plan if there is a shut down due to COVID?	We will revert to a distance-learning platform. Teachers will be well prepared for unexpected closings and we will offer an enhanced distance learning experience. Chabad will supply each child with a supply box to support the on-line learning. Teachers will lead a 60-90 minute Zoom lesson

each school day, depending on the age group. These sessions will be supplemented by three one-on-one sessions or backyard play dates each week with each child. Teachers will also e-mail worksheets for your children.

3. Will teachers be commuting from New York?	Yes, we will continue to have teachers coming each day from New York. We are requiring teachers to not plan travel during the school year.
4. Will teachers be screened each day?	Yes, teachers will undergo a daily COVID screening.
5. Will teachers be tested for COVID on a regular basis and will families be notified of any positive cases?	We plan to have teachers tested prior to the start of the school year. If there is a positive test, teachers would not be able to be back in the classroom until cleared by a qualified medical professional. We do not currently have a plan for testing on a regular basis; however, if circumstances change and the CDC, our medical advisors and / or state and local health departments suggest this as a good practice, we will undertake it.
6. Will the preschool require families not to travel on airplanes just before and during the school year?	Given what we know today, children would need to quarantine at home for two weeks after airplane travel. This is part of our daily screening of teachers and staff.
7. Are preschool families being required to return home from any vacation at least two weeks before the start of school?	There will be a requirement that families and staff are home for two weeks after any airplane travel. We will suggest families and staff traveling using other modes of transportation also stay home for two weeks prior to the start of school. If the CDC or CT OEC requires quarantining after any travel, we will adopt this policy as well.
8. What happens if a teacher is out?	Chabad is hiring an extra permanent teacher that will act as a substitute.
9. Will we have outdoor class time when weather permits?	Yes. We intend to have classes spend as much time outside as possible. We plan to purchase tents, tables and chairs to facilitate outside learning. In addition, each class will have scheduled playground time.
10. Will the school close every time someone tests positive for COVID?	The OEC (Office of Early Childhood) requires us to notify them and our local health department if we have a positive COVID case. They will guide us on

how to handle the situation. It could result in one class closing, or it could mean closure for the entire school.

11. If I am not allowed to accompany my child into the classroom, how can I assist my child separate?

Prior to starting school, teachers will schedule backyard visits to create a connection prior to the first day of school. There will be two transition days at the Chabad playground.

12. I am worried about my child being comfortable in the classroom.

In addition to Q&A #11 above, we plan to have one teacher move up with the class so there is teacher familiarity. For example, a child moving to Pre K will have one of their 3s class teachers now teaching Pre K.
