

March 12 – 3:30 P.M. Update

Dear Parents,

We are all hearing about schools closing, in California and elsewhere. We have been assured by public health officials that closing Hebrew Day School is unwarranted at this time and in fact could create unintended consequences that would hurt efforts to protect our community. We are staying in close contact with public health officials and comply with their guidance. We will notify you immediately if this guidance changes. As of now we do NOT have COVID19 identified in our community.

We have contingency plans should this advice change, and we are vigilant in maintaining watch over what is taking place. We require that you also be vigilant; to keep us healthy, we require your complete cooperation, even in matters you do not agree, as follows:

All children and staff members with respiratory symptoms and fever (>100 F) should remain at home; do not attend any school activities until there is no fever for 24 hours without medication. Adults should avoid coming into school, and do so only if they are healthy, have not traveled to any impacted area recently, and maintain physical distance from other adults and all children. Please report your travel to school after any foreign trip, and allow us to set boundaries for you based on where you have traveled. We reserve the right to exclude anyone from our campus for 14 days whenever called for. In this way we can keep our children safe and healthy.

We are reinforcing proper hand washing, keeping an abundance of cleaning supplies on hand, and disinfecting surfaces and doing deep bathroom cleaning often.

Be assured we will follow all CDC, State and County departments of health directives. We will support at-home learning for any student whose parent decides to keep their child at home, and certainly will do so for any quarantined or restricted student, so that learning will continue as best as possible.

Lastly, please be sensitive and considerate of your child's emotional wellbeing. No one makes sound decisions under panic, and all of us are susceptible to misinformation or to the panic reactions of others. We are not used to this level of uncertainty in our lives, and we have no set game plan to follow. As stated in our last letter, consideration of others is vitally important at this time.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Weiser, Head of School