

COVID

Handbook

Policies and Procedures
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Re-Opening Guidance

As we prepare for the start of the school year, return-to-school decisions for The Silver Academy are being made carefully and have been developed by our Medical and Logistics Task Forces; based on national and local guidance, including information from the

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- CDC
- PA Dept. of Education
- PA Dept. of Health

Any questions should be emailed to taskforce@silveracademypa.org

Community Commitment

The health, safety and success of this school year depends on our entire school community and will start at home with our student and staff families. We are counting on you to help us!

All families are asked to commit to our Silver Academy Community Pledge, which states that we will all take recommended precautions, both in school and outside of school, to help keep ourselves as safe and healthy as we can.

Anyone entering our school building will be expected to sign a Participant Waiver and Acknowledgment of Risk. If you already signed the Waiver and Risk Acknowledge last school year, no need to submit a new one.

***Please sign and return both the Silver Academy Community Pledge and Waivers provided at the end of this handbook.**

Health & Safety Procedures

At-home decisions will be our first line of defense in keeping our school community safe from COVID. If a student, staff member or any member of their family is sick, including fever, it will be of utmost importance that they do not attend school.

The following COVID symptoms are defined by the CDC:

- Abnormal temperature or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

School Closure

We will consult with our Taskforce for guidance regarding school closure. Although we will inform our families if there is a positive Covid case, we will respect privacy and not provide identifying information without permission.

Learning Options

1. Silver in School: Learn in classrooms, following Covid precautions.
2. Silver from Home: Join the grade's classroom via computer. This option is only available in the case of medical situations and COVID exposure, in consultation with the Head of School
3. Full Remote Learning, should the need arise due to Governor's Mandate or Taskforce advice due to Covid conditions.

Silver in School

Masks, hand washing, and regular cleaning are the easiest and most effective means of limiting the spread of Covid.

Mask Policy

Per AAP guidelines for in school learning, masks must be worn at all times by everyone in the school, except while eating or drinking. Masks may be removed outside.

Each student will be required to have seven 2-ply face masks labeled with their name. Two masks will be left at school as a back up (no bandanas or gaiters, mask must secure behind the ears or tie behind the head and be tight under the chin) A new mask should be worn each day and masks must be washed after a full day of use. Disposable masks will be available if needed.

There will be opportunities for outdoor learning and play to give students the opportunity to have a mask break.

Physical Distancing

With masks remaining mandatory, physical distancing will not play as large of a role in the day-to-day mitigation efforts. The following physical distancing measures will remain:

- Students will be grouped into 2 sections: K-3 and 4-8. These sections will be used for lunch, recess and assembly purposes, but students will once again be switching classrooms, using lockers and the hallways, etc. Gaienu will remain an isolated group.
- In-person assemblies will return as long as community transmission remains below 3%

CAIU Assistance

- It is likely that the CAIU services will be provided via Zoom. Supervised space will be made available for IU student services.

Lunch and Recess

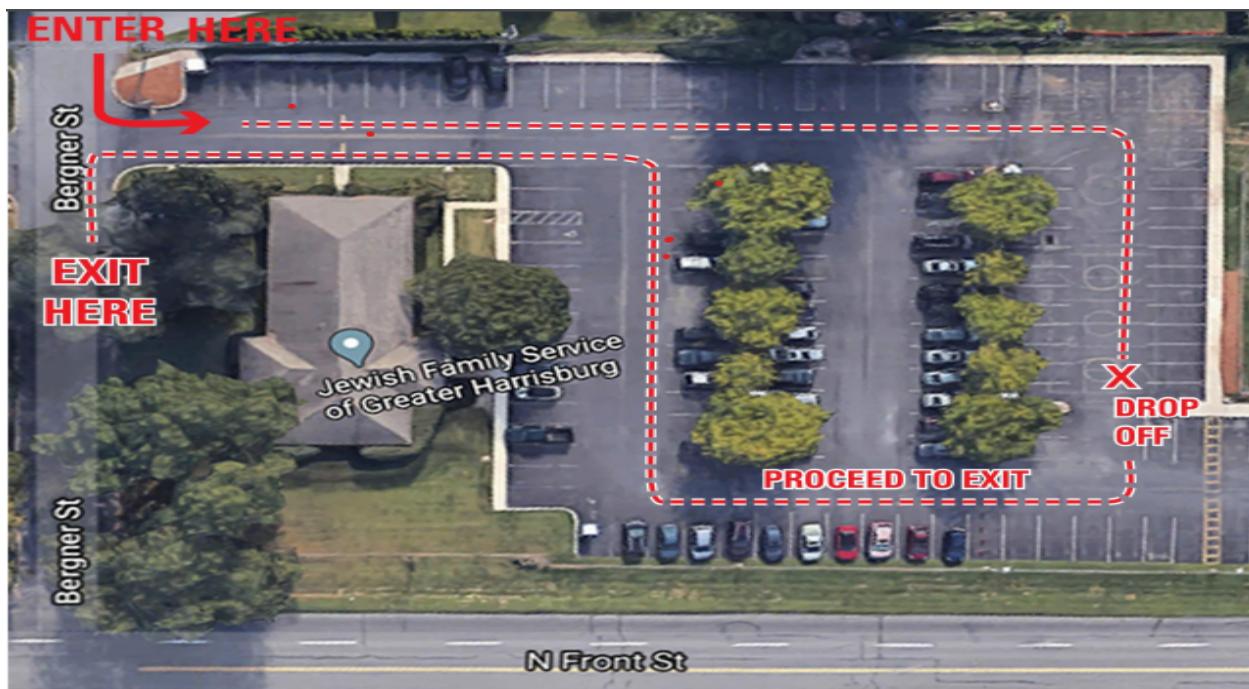
- There will be two lunch periods for each section: one for K-3 and one for 4-8. Lunch may return to classrooms depending on transmission rates.
- Recess will also be done by section. Masks will not be required for outdoor recess
- Drinking water will be available in classrooms

Cleaning and Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be in every classroom and common space to ensure regular use by everyone. All classrooms and common spaces will undergo a thorough cleaning at the end of the day. Bathrooms and other high-touch points will be cleaned throughout the day.

Silver In School Procedures

All students should be dropped off and picked up at the far end of the field by the Bergner Street side of the parking lot.



Arrival & Dismissal

All students will enter and exit the building via the main entrance. The Vaughn St. exit and center stairwell will not be used except in the case of an emergency.

Arrival:

All students will be dropped off at the far end of the field by the Bergner St. side of the parking lot.

All students should be dropped off between 7:45am-8:00am. They must be in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:10am.

Late Arrivals & Appointments

If you are running late or a student has a morning appointment and will be arriving late, parents must notify the office in advance.

Email Amy Guilmette at aroborts@silveracademypa.org if earlier than 7:45am. If after 7:45am call 717-238-8775 or email aroborts@silveracademypa.org

A sign in form will be provided and must be signed prior to leaving the parking lot.

If a student needs to leave school before the end of the school day for an appointment, parents must notify the office at least 2 hours prior to picking up the student. Parents

must call the office upon arrival to the school and the student will be escorted out of the building. A sign out form will be provided and must be signed prior to leaving the parking lot.

If there is an unexpected reason for picking up your child early, please call the office at 717-238-8775 as soon as possible.

Dismissal

Bus students will be dismissed first in the order that busses arrive around 3:40pm. Carpool students will be dismissed after the busses have departed. All Carpool students should be picked up at the far end of the field by the Bergner St. side of the parking lot.

If there is an unexpected reason for picking up your child early, please call the office at 717-238-8775 as soon as possible.

Transportation

Bus/Van Rider Guidelines

All bus/van riders will be required to have a mask on when boarding, riding and exiting the bus/van. Members of the same family should sit together if necessary. Bus/van riders are also expected to adhere to the mitigation efforts required by the providing school district.

Restrictions After Traveling to Travel Ban States or Countries

We will follow the PA Dept. of Health's guidelines. We rely on our community to take our Community Commitment Pledge seriously and self-quarantine whenever it is recommended or there is a question of exposure.

Lunch & Snacks

A water station will be available in each classroom. Students are required to have 2 refillable water bottles with a screw cap labeled with their name.

Students will have the opportunity to eat a morning and an afternoon snack. Snacks should be healthy, kosher and parve on days that meat is served for lunch. Snacks will be eaten either in the classroom or outside.

Visitors & Volunteers

Fully vaccinated, masked volunteers will be permitted this school year.

Silver from Home

This option is available for:

- Students who are mildly sick, but are well enough to learn.
- Students who have suspected exposure to COVID.

The school office must be notified via an email to Amy Guilmette at aroberts@silveracademypa.org by 7:15 am if a student is attending Silver from Home.

Silver from Home Procedures

Students will join the Silver in School classroom via computer.

Silver from Home Classroom Procedures

Students are expected to participate fully in the classroom.

This includes:

- Attending every class, on time.
- Camera and mic on at all times.
- Needed materials on hand (they will be communicated ahead of time).
- Having a dedicated, tidy school space in the home.
- Participating as requested by the teachers.
- Students in grades 1 to 8 need to install a Hebrew keyboard on their home device.

Full Remote Learning

We will be following state guidelines and mandates related to in-person or full remote learning, as well as PA Dept. of Health regulations in the instance of a positive Covid case in our school community. Our Task Force is carefully watching COVID numbers, best practices and the most recent data--they will advise if we need to pivot to remote learning based on community spread. These guidelines will also determine when we are able to safely return to in-person learning.

If a decision is made to pivot to remote learning, communication will be sent via email and will include directions for accessing school learning materials.

- If we need to pivot to full remote learning, we will follow the regular school schedule.
- Most classes will be taught synchronously via Zoom or Google Meet.
- Teachers will be available during regular class times for any classes taught asynchronously.
- Computer breaks will be built into classes.
- Materials for the upcoming week will be available for pick-up from the school.



The Silver Academy

Central Pennsylvania's Jewish Day School

Silver Academy Community Health Pledge

I pledge to do my part to keep the Silver Academy School Community healthy and safe for the 2021-2022 school year. I understand I have a role in the mitigation of spread of COVID-19 within our school community and commit to responsible actions and to be an accountable member of our Silver Academy family.

I Will Protect Myself

- Remain vigilant, while away from The Silver Academy, to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Follow the latest national, state, and local public health guidance, particularly by:
 - wearing a mask in public places
 - washing hands often with soap and water or using hand sanitizer

I Will Protect Others

- Keep my children home if they are not feeling well or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19 or if someone in our family has COVID-19. I will communicate with The Silver Academy in a timely manner if feeling ill, or after exposure to someone who is ill, or after exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear an appropriate face mask and other protective gear as directed by the school.
- If asked to comply with related protocols, do so promptly and with kindness and respect.
- Remain positive, attentive, and helpful to anyone who may be in need of support. Keep belongings, personal spaces, and shared common spaces clean while at school.
- Follow evolving updates from The Silver Academy, which will be frequent and ongoing.
- Participate in public health testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of our community.

I understand that the Silver Academy community of families, faculty and staff are all partners in keeping the school safe for our children to attend as much as possible.

Parent Signature

Date

Minor Participant Waiver, Release, Indemnification of All Claims & Covenant Not to Sue

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. Read this document carefully and in entirety. By signing this agreement, you give up your right and the named minor's right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any personal injury or property damage however caused arising out of the named minor's participation in The Silver Academy Programs, now or any time in the future.

Acknowledgment of Risk

I, in my legal capacity as the parent/guardian of the minor named below, do hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in The Silver Academy program activities comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with The Silver Academy program participation, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) aquatic injuries, (3) athletic injuries, and (4) illness, including exposure to and infection with viruses or bacteria. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with The Silver Academy program participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement.

Coronavirus / COVID-19 Warning & Disclaimer

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an **extremely contagious** virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a mean to prevent the spread of the virus. **COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in The Silver Academy programs or accessing The Silver Academy facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.** The Silver Academy in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in The Silver Academy programs.

Initial

Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of _____'s participation in The Silver Academy programs, I, _____, the parent/guardian of the minor named above, agree to release and on behalf of myself and the minor named above, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE The Silver Academy, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives and insurers ("Releasees") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against The Silver Academy on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of The Silver Academy facilities/equipment or participation in The Silver Academy programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

Initial

In consideration of the named minor's participation in The Silver Academy programs, I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the named minor, agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the named minor's Silver Academy program participation.

I hereby certify on behalf of myself and the named minor that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in The Silver Academy program participation and that I, on behalf of myself and the named minor, am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I and the named minor will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, the named minor sustains while participating in The Silver Academy programs and that by signing this agreement I, on behalf of myself and the named minor, HEREBY RELEASE Releasees of all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that the named minor is in good health and has no conditions or impairments which would preclude his/her safe participation in The Silver Academy programs.

I further certify that my date of birth is _____ (MM/DD/YYYY), that my present age is _____, that I am therefore of lawful age (18 years or older) and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement, and that I have legal capacity to act as the parent/guardian of the named minor. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will.

Participant Name (Print Clearly)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Clearly)

Adult Participant Waiver, Release, Indemnification of All Claims & Covenant Not to Sue

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Acknowledgment of Risk

I hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in all Silver Academy program activities comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with Silver Academy program participation, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) aquatic injuries, (3) athletic injuries, and (4) illness, including exposure to and infection with viruses or bacteria. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with The Silver Academy program participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement.

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Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of my participation in The Silver Academy programs, I,
_____, the undersigned participant, agree to release and on behalf of myself, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE The Silver Academy, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives and insurers ("Releasees") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against The Silver Academy on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of The The Silver Academy facilities/equipment or participation in The Silver Academy programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releasees.

Initial

In consideration of my participation in The Silver Academy programs, I, the undersigned participant, agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees from any and all causes of action, claims,

demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my Silver Academy program participation.

I hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in The Silver Academy program participation and that I am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, I sustain while participating in The Silver Academy program and that by signing this agreement I HEREBY RELEASE Releasees from all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that I am in good health and that I have no conditions or impairments which would preclude my safe participation in The Silver Academy programs.

I further certify that my date of birth is _____ (MM/DD/YYYY), that my present age is _____, and that I am therefore of lawful age and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is duly executed this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Participant Signature

Participant Name (Print Clearly)