



## TIUNY Reopening Plan Guidelines – Condensed Version

- **Social Distancing** – always, except when barriers are in place or masks are worn.
- **Face Coverings** – when individuals cannot maintain appropriate social distancing, school employees and/or students will wear acceptable face coverings. Although face coverings are strongly recommended, TIUNY has considered developmental appropriateness, feasibility, and our ability to implement such policy in a safe, consistent manner and we have determined that students will maintain social distancing at ALL times, thereby minimizing the need for masks, except on buses (see below), at arrival, dismissal and in common areas. All individuals at TIUNY and on school grounds will be prepared to put on a face covering if another person unexpectedly cannot socially distance. Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings (e.g., homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana), and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose. Teachers may use alternate PPE (i.e., face coverings/shields that are transparent at or around the mouth) for instruction or interventions that require visualization of the movement of the lips and/or mouths (e.g., speech therapy). These alternate coverings may also be used when teaching certain students (e.g., hearing impaired, young children) who benefit from being able to see more of the face of the faculty or staff member.
- Train all students, faculty, and staff on how to adequately put on, take off, clean (as applicable), and discard **PPE**.
- Train all students, faculty, and staff on **proper hand and respiratory hygiene**.
- **Reduce bi-directional foot traffic** using tape or signs with arrows in staircases, and post signage and distance markers denoting spaces commonly used areas and any areas in which lines are commonly formed or people may congregate (e.g., outdoor spaces, libraries, classrooms and cafeteria).
- While COVID-19 lasts, TIUNY will be **closed to the general public** (i.e., not students, faculty, or staff).
- Age appropriate **signage** will be posted, and students will be reminded regarding public health protections against COVID-19:
  - ✓ Stay home if they feel sick.
  - ✓ Cover their nose and mouth with an acceptable face covering when unable to maintain social distance.
  - ✓ Properly store and, when necessary, discard PPE.
  - ✓ Adhere to social distancing instructions.
  - ✓ Report symptoms of, or exposure to, COVID-19, and how they should do so.
  - ✓ Follow hand hygiene, and cleaning and disinfection guidelines.
  - ✓ Follow respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Limit gatherings in **small spaces** (e.g., supply rooms, supply room) by more than one individual at a time, unless all individuals in such space at the same time are wearing acceptable face coverings or are members of the same household.
- Hold **faculty and staff meetings** in open, well-ventilated spaces and ensure that individuals maintain appropriate social distance (e.g., leave space between chairs, have individuals sit in alternating chairs).
- Increase **ventilation** with outdoor air to the greatest extent possible (e.g., opening windows and doors) while maintaining health and safety protocols. Students will be in **cohort**. “Cohorts,” are

students). TIUNY will enact measures to prevent intermingling across cohorts, and will make reasonable efforts to ensure that cohorts contain the same students – for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Faculty may instruct more than one cohort so long as appropriate social distancing is maintained. Since TIUNY will be using a **cohort** model, cleaning and disinfection must be performed only between each group's use instead of individual's use.

- **In case of an outbreak** - Due to the dynamic nature and risk of community transmission of COVID-19, TIUNY has prepared for a combination of in-person instruction and remote learning to facilitate a phased-in approach or hybrid model, which may be necessary, if there are new, local outbreaks, at various times throughout the 2020-2021 school year. In such approaches and models, TIUNY may be required to use video or teleconferencing in lieu of in-person gatherings (e.g., classes, office hours), per CDC and local health department guidance.
- In the unlikely event a student is unable to attend in-person classes, teachers will also be **live on Zoom** for students who cannot attend in person.
- If COVID-19 cases develop, TIUNY may consider **restricting access within school facilities** and across school grounds, particularly in affected areas to avoid full school closures. In such instances, TIUNY may choose to temporarily move classes where an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 to remote/virtual format until all contacts can be identified, notified, tested, and cleared.
- In the event that the CDC, Monroe County Department of Health, the governor of NYS or any other authority **declares that schools must close, TIUNY will ensure that all students and teachers** will be able to resume full online classes in the same manner that they were conducted this past spring during the initial lockdowns. As required by law, accommodations will be made for students with IEPs and recognized disabilities as well as ELLs.
- **Student Drop-Off via Buses and Parents** – Students must wear masks on buses, sit in their assigned seats on the bus, and should not remove their masks until they arrive in the Bais Medrash for prayer services.
- **Limit contact and entry of parents or visitors into the building**, to the greatest extent possible. If parents are coming to pick up their children, they should call when they arrive and their children will be brought out to them.
- Designated areas for **pickups and deliveries**, limiting contact to the extent possible.
- **Limit the sharing of objects**, such as lockers, cubbies, laptops, notebooks, touchscreens, writing utensils, chalk and dry erase boards, musical instruments, tools, and toys, as well as the touching of shared surfaces, such as conference tables and desks; or require students, faculty, and staff to perform hand hygiene before and after contact.
- **N-95 respirators** or other PPE used under existing industry standards should be used by school personnel who are assessing or assisting someone with symptoms of COVID-19.
- Procure, fashion, or otherwise obtain acceptable **masks/face coverings** and provide such coverings to their faculty and staff who directly interact with students or members of the public while at work at no cost to the faculty or staff member, pursuant to Executive Order 202.16, as amended and extended.
- Request that staff and students **bring their own masks**, but may not require it and will provide acceptable face coverings to anyone who does not have their own, at no cost to the student or staff member.
- **Ensure adherence to hygiene, cleaning and disinfection** requirements as advised by the CDC and DOH, including “Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID19,” and the “STOP THE SPREAD” poster, as applicable. TIUNY will **maintain logs** that include the date, time, and scope of cleaning and disinfection.
- Provide and maintain **hand hygiene stations** around the school.

paper towels and PPE.

- **Disposable wipes** will be provided for faculty and staff in every room so that commonly used surfaces (e.g., keyboards, desks, remote controls) can be wiped down before and/or after use, followed by hand hygiene.
- To reduce the possibility of disease transmission, TIUNY will **install water-bottle refilling stations**, in place of water fountains. Students, faculty, and staff should bring their own water bottles.
- Conduct **regular cleaning and disinfection of the facilities** and more frequent cleaning and disinfection for high-risk areas used by many individuals and for frequently touched surfaces, including desks and cafeteria tables - which should be cleaned and disinfected between each individual's use, if shared. Cleaning and disinfection must be rigorous and ongoing and should occur at least daily.
- **Bathrooms** should be cleaned and disinfected more often depending on frequency of use. In bathrooms, social distancing rules will be posted and teachers will ensure, through the use of bathroom passes or some other method, that occupancy is reduced, at any given time, where feasible.
- Clean and disinfect exposed areas in the event an individual is **suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19**, with such cleaning and disinfection to include, at a minimum, all heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces. TIUNY will follow CDC guidelines on "Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility," if someone is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Individuals **without close or proximate contact** with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.
- **Work closely with the local health department** to monitor public health conditions and jointly develop monitoring strategies, and contact tracing strategies, as needed.
- Implement **daily mandatory health screenings**, including temperature checks (ideally, at home, prior to departing to school – before entering TIUNY's facility), of all students, faculty, staff, via text messages sent every morning before they enter school. TIUNY will utilize a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff reporting to school. Students will also utilize the screening questionnaire periodically. The questionnaire will ask if the individual has:
  - (a) knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19.
  - (b) tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. (c) has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100°F, in the past 14 days.
  - (d) has traveled internationally or has been in the proximity of a person with Covid from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.
- When applicable, require mandatory health screenings, including temperature checks, when **contractors, vendors, and visitors enter the building** to identify any individuals who may have COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.
- If an individual presents a **temperature of greater than 100°F**, the individual must be denied entry into the facility, or sent directly to a dedicated area (isolation cubicle) prior to being picked up or sent home.
- TIUNY will not keep records of student, faculty, staff, and visitor health data (e.g., the specific temperature data of an individual), but will **maintain records that confirm individuals were screened** and the results of such screening (e.g., pass/fail, cleared/not cleared).
- Awareness that the **manifestation of COVID-19 in children**, although similar, is not always the same as that for adults. Children may be less likely to present with fever as an initial symptom, and

into consideration during the screening process.

- Any individual who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms, if screened at the school, **must be kept in an isolation area** until they are picked up, and sent home with instructions to contact their health care provider for assessment and testing.
- TIUNY will immediately notify the state and local health department about the case if diagnostic test results are positive for COVID-19.
- Consultation with the local health department about the requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, **who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment**. This returning to learning protocol must include documentation from a health care provider, negative COVID-19 testing, and symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, release from isolation.
- Clearly define **tracing and tracking metrics** that will serve as warning signs that the level of COVID19 transmission may be increasing in the school setting beyond an acceptable level, as defined by state and local health departments.
- Ensure **that reporting plans are in place for individuals who are alerted that they have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19**, and have been alerted to such exposure via tracing, tracking or other mechanism.