



2021/2022 ROADMAP

**A Guide To Keeping Our Students
Healthy and Learning In-Person**

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The 2021/2022 Roadmap is guided by the assumption that the COVID-19 health crisis will continue as we return this fall. McGillis will continue to respond quickly to circumstances in our own School community, as well as conditions in our city and county. As we plan to return to in-person learning, we are taking a cautious and layered approach with the goals to keep our community healthy and our students learning on campus.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our entire McGillis community has remained committed to the challenges that the pandemic has presented, and unfortunately, continues to present. However, we've proven our steadfast commitment and our guiding principles will continue to help us navigate the ongoing uncertainties that are likely to continue as we begin the new school year.

Our Guiding Principles:

1. Protecting the health and safety, including the physical health and the social-emotional well-being, of our kehilah is our top priority;
2. Delivering our mission and values in a program that inspires and prepares our learners for a lifetime of creating a better world;
3. Committing as a community to adopt the necessary measures, protocols, and expectations to ensure a safe and healthy community with the goal to keep our students learning on campus; and,
4. Knowing that reducing risk to zero is impossible, we will follow public health and safety guidelines, utilizing the Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake County Health Department, and the CDC's coronavirus guidelines as our main reference points for our ongoing assessment of risk.

VALUES DRIVEN IN A TIME OF CRISIS

The McGillis School is rooted in values that guide the way we live and learn in our School community. In this time of crisis, our values continue to provide our North Star. Every McGillis student, teacher, and staff member is a member of our Kehilah, and therefore should be known, valued, and cared for. We all have a right to expect both emotional and physical safety. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this means members of our community can reasonably expect a heightened level of concern for their health and wellbeing. This lies within our values of Derech Eretz and Tikkun Olam. While it is possible that students, teachers, or staff members will be exposed to COVID-19 in the course of their work or studies, everyone can expect that our greatest efforts and reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent illness in our School.

Derech Eretz, having respect for all, guides our interactions with others — friends and strangers, students and adults — to be self-aware, respectful, and courteous. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this means complying willingly with rules and policies designed to keep our community safe and healthy. This means thinking of others, appreciating that their



risk tolerance might be lower than ours, and adjusting our behavior with sensitivity and respect. This means respecting policies, decisions, and expectations, even when inconvenient to ourselves. In some communities, measures taken to prevent COVID-19 have ignited conflicts between the liberty of individuals and perceptions of the common good. We expect our values of Derech Eretz, Tikkun Olam, and Gemilut Hasadim to remind us of our duties to others and demonstrate our shared commitment of respect for our Kehilah.

Our values will guide our interactions and actions, including how all members of our community and visitors:

- wear high quality, well-fitting, multi-layered face masks, wash and disinfect their hands frequently, and mind physical distancing norms;
- interact with each other in and out of the classroom, and take responsibility for maintaining a healthy environment;
- treat others—teachers, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, office administrators, administrators, etc.—as people worthy of their respect and deserving of safety themselves;
- follow self-screening guidelines for symptoms of illness and refrain from coming to campus when symptomatic; and
- comply with self-quarantine rules regarding exposure to COVID-19.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

McGillis reintroduces our Community Commitment and asks all families to recommit to the measures, protocols, and expectations that will ensure a safe and healthy community as we continue to recognize the presence and possible impact of COVID-19 in our community.

<https://www.mcgillisschool.org/about/roadmap/community-commitment>

As champions of our Community Commitment, each one of us should feel free to encourage one another when we notice that we may not be complying with the norms of our protocols, understanding that they're most often not breached with intention, but rather lack of attention.



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

The wellness of our community is the social responsibility of each and every one of us. As a community and as a society, we have a responsibility to each other to do what is best for our collective whole.

I/we, _____, commit to:

FOLLOW MCGILLIS' COVID PROTOCOLS BASED ON HEALTH EXPERT GUIDANCE.

All community members are expected to follow The McGillis School's 2021/2022 Roadmap to maintain their own health and safety during this pandemic. The Roadmap is subject to change as developments occur and/or new information becomes available.

CONTACT MCGILLIS IF A COMMUNITY MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19.

If a student, employee, or any member of their household tests positive for COVID-19, the School must be notified as soon as possible. Please contact health@mcgillisschool.org with questions or to report a positive COVID-19 test result. This information will remain confidential and will allow the School to engage in effective contact tracing procedures to limit possible infection of others.

STAY HOME IF SICK.

Any community member showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 must not come to school. Parents/guardians must keep sick students home and away from others and report the illness to the School at health@mcgillisschool.org. CDC: Symptoms of Coronavirus.

CONTACT MCGILLIS IF EXPOSED.

Any member of a household who has been notified they were in contact with an individual infected with COVID-19 must inform health@mcgillisschool.org as soon as possible. Each case will be assessed individually to determine the necessary course of action as determined by the School's protocol.

KEEP MEDICAL INFORMATION UP TO DATE.

All medical information must be updated with family and emergency contacts and current medical information for a student to attend the first day of school. Log into the Family Updates tab of the Veracross Parent Portal to update your household information and your child(ren)'s medical information, including COVID-19 vaccination status as your child/ren are eligible for vaccines.

WEAR A MASK.

At this time and until further notice, all students regardless of vaccination status are required to wear a properly fitting, high quality mask when indoors. All Faculty and Staff are required to wear a mask when indoors and when in the presence of students. All visitors are required to wear a mask when indoors. If a student forgets their mask, a disposable mask will be provided for them that school day.

LIMITED CAMPUS ACCESS.

At this time and until further notice, parent/guardian entry into the school building will be restricted. Masks will be required for essential visitors who will access entry through our Main Entrance and report immediately to the Main Office, which will introduce a health declaration statement, and initiate a temperature and symptom check prior to giving permission to move to another part of the school.

PRACTICE EXCELLENT HYGIENE.

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, or using the restroom. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and run them together until they feel dry. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

(As of 08/01/21)

The School will continue to assess, modify, and communicate school policies and protocols on an ongoing basis.

McGillis community

IN-PERSON TEACHING & LEARNING

During the 2021/2022 school year, McGillis intends to only offer in-person learning and will not offer classes regularly via Zoom.

In-person learning is a traditional school experience with students attending school in person five days a week. Students are able to capitalize on classroom environments that provide engaging social interaction and feedback.

A layered mitigation strategy offers a cautious approach to keep our community healthy and our students learning on campus.

The McGillis School will be prepared for the rise in prevalence, or the risk of a rise in prevalence for COVID-19 in our School community. The School will continue to consult with our COVID Task Force to determine the appropriate actions and responses to COVID-19 positive cases. The response will be determined based on policy considerations from CDC, UDOH, SL County Health Department, and circumstances around each situation.

Concurrent cases in our community will always lead the School to consider the best course of action, which could include in-person learning as usual for all students, remote learning for a grade level, classroom, or subgroup of students, or remote learning for our entire student population until the health of our community improves.

OUR LAYERED APPROACH

As of the start of the 2021/2022 school year, many of our students are currently not eligible for vaccinations. Therefore, the School will implement a layered prevention strategy to protect our community and support in-person learning, including:

Getting Vaccinated

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. With the persistence of COVID and the complexities of variants, the School is considering policies around vaccinations. Our community should anticipate, upon full FDA approval, the School may consider a vaccination requirement. At this time, we are asking families to update their child/ren's medical information, including COVID-19 vaccination status as your child/ren are eligible for vaccines. As of November 3, 2021, CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11, making all students at McGillis eligible to be vaccinated.

Wearing Masks

- Regardless of vaccination status, masks are required by any person on the School campus at all times.
- Masks should be high quality, well-fitting, multi-layered face masks.
- Masks will be removed for lunch and designated outdoor mask breaks.
- The COVID Task Force will revisit this policy throughout the year.

When to Stay Home

Please stay home and notify health@mcgillisschool.org if:

- your student is showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (reference McGillis “Test to Return” Due to Symptoms protocol;
- your student has been notified they were in contact with an individual infected with COVID-19;
- your student or any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 (reference McGillis “Test to Stay” Positive Household Contact protocol; or
- any **unvaccinated student** with a household member is pending a COVID-19 test due to symptoms.

Each case will be assessed individually to determine the necessary course of action as determined by the School’s protocol.

Information will remain confidential and will allow the School to take necessary action to mitigate risk within our community.

According to the CDC, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and can include:

- Fever 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

Testing

Regular testing, in addition to COVID-19 vaccination and wearing masks, is a safe, effective way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help keep school open for in-person learning. Many people with COVID-19 don’t have symptoms, but can still spread the virus. Therefore, regular testing helps find people who have the virus before it can spread to others. Finding who has the virus early means steps can be taken to prevent COVID-19 from spreading and causing an outbreak, so school can stay open. Regular testing also means parents or guardians get notified if their child tests positive, allowing them to plan for treatment and take steps to protect the rest of the family from COVID-19.

Regular testing will help keep students in the classroom and allow them to take part in the other activities they love.

- The School may require screening prior to overnight trips. Details will be provided in advance of each overnight trip.
- Other approaches to using testing to support sustained in-person learning may be considered.
- The School recommends our community to elect into voluntary screening after travel or other activities that may be higher risk.

McGillis “Test to Return” Due to Symptoms Protocol:

The School strongly recommends, all students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, to test when returning to School after an absence due to symptoms.

- If a negative test is not submitted to the School upon return, the School will administer a rapid antigen test.
- If you do NOT want your student tested, please email health@mcgillisschool.org.
- If parents/guardians have not yet provided consent for testing, parent/guardian consent is required.

McGillis “Test to Stay” Positive Household Contact Protocol:

To return to School when there is a household member that tests positive, assuming the household member is in isolation and there isn’t continuous ongoing exposure:

- Fully vaccinated students and employees must participate in daily rapid antigen testing at School for 5-7 days in order to return to in-person learning, assuming student/employee is symptom-free.
- Fully vaccinated students and employees that do not participate in daily rapid testing at School for 5-7 days, are unable to return to in-person learning for 5-7 days.

For students who are not fully vaccinated, the School’s standard quarantine protocol remains as:

- Students may end quarantine on day 10 without testing. You can end quarantine 10 days after the last time you had close contact with the person who tested positive if you don’t have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students may end quarantine on day 7 with a negative test result. You must wait at least 7 days after your exposure to be tested. You can end quarantine if your test is negative and you do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

McGillis “Test to Play” Basketball Protocols:

- All players test weekly at School, via rapid antigen test.
- Vaccinated players may play without masks.
- Unvaccinated players must wear masks at all times.
- All players, while on the bench, should be masked regardless of vaccination status.
- No spectators at McGillis.

If there is a positive case in our community that includes a player, and a practice or game falls inside the window of exposure for other players:

- vaccinated players would NOT need to quarantine.
- unvaccinated players WOULD need to quarantine IF they were not wearing a mask.

Therefore, unvaccinated players must be vigilant about wearing masks at all times in practices and games.

Hygiene

Students will sanitize their hands upon entering the building and hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the School. Teachers will encourage students to wash their hands with soap and water regularly throughout the school day, particularly before and after lunch.

Air Filtration

McGillis will maintain HEPA air purifiers in each classroom and office space throughout the building. Upgraded MERV 13+ filters in our hvac system will continue to benefit the air quality inside the School.

Cleaning

Classroom tables, desks, and all surfaces will be sanitized daily at the end of each school day. Cleaning supplies will be readily available for each classroom to use as often as needed.

Ongoing Assessment of Our Community's Health

The School's COVID Task Force will continue to meet regularly as needed to keep a pulse on what is happening nationally, locally, and within our community. This team will regularly assess our McGillis COVID-19 situation and take the necessary actions to keep our community's exposure limited to the highest degree possible.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE

The School's COVID-19 Task Force Team meets regularly to keep a pulse on what is happening nationally, locally and within our School community. This team regularly assesses our McGillis COVID-19 situation and takes the necessary actions to keep our community's exposure limited to the highest degree possible.

- Annette Accarrino, Director of Marketing & Communications
- Jim Brewer, Head of School
- Matt Haber, McGillis Board Past-President
- Adam Hersh, MD & McGillis Parent
- Jen Merino, Health Specialist
- Mary-Beth Scholand, MD & McGillis Board of Trustees
- Emily Spivak, MD & McGillis Parent
- Michael VanTyne, Director of Operations & Technology

Isolate At Home If You Test Positive For COVID-19

Students and staff who test positive will isolate and remain home for 5 days, regardless of symptoms, from the day they were tested. They may return to school on day 6 if they are symptom-free, including fever-free for at least 24 hours.

If A Student Experiences Symptoms While at School

If a student develops symptoms while on campus, the individual will be cared for by a designated employee and follow infection control practices to decrease the risk of transmission. The School will call parents and arrange for the child to be picked up immediately.

Quarantine Requirements After A School Exposure

If you are exposed to someone at School who tests positive for COVID-19, you can continue to come to School if:

- You are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (2 weeks after your final dose), OR
- You and the person who tested positive were both wearing masks, OR
- You have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

Standard Quarantine Protocol

Anyone who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Exposed students and staff who are fully vaccinated, including a booster if they are age eligible, may return to school immediately and test at School for 5 days from the date of exposure.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated and have been exposed must quarantine for 5 days from the date of exposure and may return to school on day 6 with a negative test collected no earlier than day 5.
- Faculty and staff who have not received a booster must quarantine for 5 days from the day of exposure and may return to school on day 6 with a negative test collected no earlier than day 5.

Communications

The School will directly notify any families if their student is exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19 in school. A COVID-19 Dashboard reporting total cases, active cases, active quarantines, and active school exposures is updated regularly and accessible via the All School Family Canvas page.

Absenteeism

Accommodations may be made for students who experience prolonged absences due to a positive COVID diagnosis, quarantine due to exposure to COVID, or a severe illness or injury that keeps them home for longer than one week in duration. Students who find themselves ill and not able to attend school may work asynchronously on school work if they are healthy enough, and will be caught up upon their return by their teacher(s).

School COVID-19 Response

The McGillis School will be prepared for the rise in prevalence, or the risk of a rise in prevalence for COVID-19 in our School community. The School will continue to consult with our COVID Task Force to determine the appropriate action and response to a COVID-19 positive case. The response will be determined based on policy considerations from CDC, UDOH, SL County Health Department, and circumstances around each situation. Concurrent cases in our community will always lead the School to consider the best course of action, which could include in-person learning as usual for all students, remote learning for a grade level, classroom, or subgroup of students, or remote learning for our entire student population until the health of our community improves.

OTHER HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Health Screening App

Absences for all reasons will be reported to the Front Office via phone or via email to office@mcgillisschool.org. The School's Health Specialist will contact families as necessary to follow up on absences due to illness.

Classroom Seating

Lower School classes may be divided into two sections versus the three sections utilized in the 2020/2021 school year. Enrollment numbers per grade level will dictate the number of sections in each grade level. Class sizes may range from 15-22 students per class, versus 12-17 students during the 2020/2021 school year.

Classroom Distancing

Students' desks and tables will allow seating at a reasonable distance. The School will strive for 3 feet of distance whenever possible, however will not achieve this distance under all circumstances.

Classroom Mitigations

McGillis will maintain air purifiers in each classroom and office space throughout the building. The School will continue to utilize a mix of seating and table arrangements (some small group, some individual) in classrooms. The School will no longer utilize plexiglass on tables where distancing falls below 3-6 feet. Students will share classroom supplies.

Lunch

McGillis students will continue to eat lunch outdoors and will only eat indoors under challenging weather or air conditions. Lunch will be provided each day and will be provided in containers. Lunches brought from home should be nut free. McGillis will aim to return to our more typical lunch operations when it is safe to do so and in adherence to all current restaurant and kitchen recommendations from the SL County Health Department. Our community should anticipate another full year of eating lunch outdoors.

Water & Snacks

McGillis students should come to school each day with a filled water bottle; there are 2 bottle fillers available for students to refill their bottles. Drinking fountains will remain disabled at the start of the school year, and will remain off until further notice. Students are also encouraged to bring their own nut free snack from home. All treats shared in School must be store bought and prepared in a professional kitchen.

Student Gatherings

Students may gather indoors in groups organized by and supervised by faculty/staff in various areas where large groups can gather (MAC, Library, Gathering Space, Dining Hall, etc). The School will refrain from All-School in-person gatherings (grades K-8 combined) until it is deemed safe to do so. For example, for an event such as Shabbat, it's feasible the School may combine three grades together in a large space, but it will be some time before we return to All-School Shabbat with all the students in the MAC together. McGillis will carefully monitor the success and feasibility of larger student gatherings as the year progresses.

ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, & EVENTS

Athletics

McGillis intends to resume participation in our Athletics programs. The School will compete against other schools in our league, both traveling to other schools and hosting schools to play on our campus and in our

MAC. Masks may be worn during competitions, depending on the current COVID climate and the advice of our community health experts. Indoor athletics attendance may be restricted to players and coaches only depending upon COVID climate and recommendations. More details will be shared for each sport in advance of the season's start, as protocols may vary depending on the season and indoor versus outdoor sports.

Basketball - Fall/Winter 2021/2022

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- All players test weekly at School, via rapid antigen test.
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- Unvaccinated players must wear masks at all times.
- All players, while on the bench, should be masked regardless of vaccination status.
- No spectators at McGillis.

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Therefore, unvaccinated players must be vigilant about wearing masks at all times in practices and games.

Field Trips & Class Trips

McGillis will conduct field trips with regularity. Our buses will include 14 passengers and 1 driver and windows will remain open and masks worn when traveling. Class trips will resume as feasible according to the destination, the guidelines and practices of community partners, and the nature of the trip. Details for each trip will be shared in advance for the grade the trip pertains to.

COVID-19 vaccinations are required for all students and employees participating in overnight trips. Any exemptions will need to be approved by the Head of School.

According to the CDC, individuals are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- As your child becomes vaccinated, please update their medical profile in the Veracross Parent Portal. At this time, the only vaccine authorized for children 12 years of age or older is the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

The School will also implement a testing process for overnight class trips including:

- a required PCR test 72 hours prior to departure, AND
- the possibility of a rapid test 24 hours prior to departure.

Middle School Dances

McGillis plans to conduct three Middle School dances throughout the year as long as it can be done in a safe manner based upon the COVID climate at that time. Dances will maintain typical COVID protocols as in the school day.

Library

The Library will return to normal operations and procedures. The space will be open for classes to visit, Library as a specialty will return with regular classes, and books will be available for check out without any special procedures. The McGillis Library is open to students from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Extended Care

Morning Care, AfterSchool, and All Day Care will resume as normal. Please reference the Family Handbook on the All School Family Canvas page for details.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Drop off and pick up will resume as normal. Please reference the Family Handbook on the All School Family Canvas page for details.

Limited Campus Access

At this time and until further notice, parent/guardian entry into the School building will be restricted. New parents and parents of Kindergartners are welcome to come into the building to drop off their child(ren) between 8/24-9/03/21. Parents must wear a mask inside the School. Any parent spending time in the building beyond drop off and pick up should sign in and will also participate in a health screening.

Masks will be required for essential visitors who will access entry through our Main Entrance and report immediately to the Front Office, which will introduce a health declaration statement, and initiate a temperature and symptom check prior to giving permission to move to another part of the School.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteer opportunities will arise and grow as the school year progresses. Any parent wishing to volunteer must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination at the Front Office. The School will maintain a list of volunteers who are fully vaccinated.

In-Person Community Events

Our McGillis community is eager to gather in-person again for events. We anticipate offering in-person events that will be modified according to the current COVID climate and advice from our health experts. At this time, our Back To School Night will be virtual given it's a larger community event, and we intend to host our Grade Level Socials this fall in-person. As the year progresses, we will determine our ability to gather in-person for other events.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are incredibly effective in preventing COVID-19 transmission in our community. The School strongly recommends vaccinations for all parents and age eligible students and siblings. McGillis will be reviewing recommendations from the CDC, State of Utah, and other agencies regarding recommendations and guidelines for future school vaccination requirements.