



Dear EVJCC Community,

These last few weeks have been confusing and stressful as we try to make sense of the Coronavirus and how to respond. At the EVJCC we have been closely monitoring the developments of the virus and the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Arizona Department of Health Services. We are reaching out to share how we are responding to this risk and to share some of the steps we take every single day to keep our community healthy and what we are doing to help prevent spreading the virus.

The EVJCC is canceling all large events, including the Klezmer Fest, that may have over 100 attendees. **We will continue to provide our regular weekly programs such as our Early Learning Childhood Center, Camps, Open Beit Midrash, Terrific Tuesdays and other programs.**

We have increased our hygienic and sanitizing measures within our classrooms and throughout the facility.

Handwashing

Teachers and children will continue washing hands before and after eating; after coming in from outside; after using the bathroom; before and after using sensory bins; and after sneezing or coughing. Teachers will wear gloves when serving food and changing diapers per our routine procedures.

Please help us maintain a healthy environment by washing your child's hands when you arrive in the morning.

Equipment

All toys and play equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily. Any toys that have been "mouthed" will immediately be removed from the play area, as is normally done. As of today, March 12, all door handles and door jams have been wiped down inside and outside. We met with our cleaning crew and decided on additional sanitation measures that will be taken, such as "fogging" which is the latest technology for countering the virus. It attacks microbes and decontaminates more efficiently and effectively, providing touchless disinfection and sanitation capabilities for infection control and kills 99.9% of germs for up to 6 months.

Community

We will continue to monitor the health of the staff and of the children. Any staff member who is ill and exhibits signs of sickness will be asked to stay home. We are easing sick day policies to make it easier for all of our employees to stay home when necessary.

We ask everyone to please be extra cautious and stay home if you or your child is unwell.

As we learn more from health officials and political leaders we will make changes as recommended and continue to update you. The EVJCC remains committed to the health and safety of our community members and to pursuing our mission to be a hub for social, cultural, and educational activities and we will resume larger events as soon as possible. We encourage you to stay informed about the virus and prevention of infection by visiting the CDC [website](#). If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me, 480-897-0588 or mbeyo@evjcc.org.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Rabbi Michael Beyo
CEO