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HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLOSES SCHOOL FOR VIOLATING COMMISSIONER'S ORDER DURING MEASLES OUTBREAK

May 8, 2019 – The Health Department today served closure orders to Simche Kinder (77 students; 812 Myrtle Ave, 11206), because this center repeatedly failed to comply with the Health Department's Commissioner's Order. The Health Department is working with parents to find alternative care for the children that attended the program. This site will not be allowed to reopen until staff can demonstrate to the Health Department that they can comply with our order. The Health Department will continue to conduct audits of schools to ensure these centers have comprehensive attendance and immunization records, and that they're properly excluding. Everyone must do their part to keep children safe and to help us end this outbreak.

Recent press release on school closures:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/press/pr2019/health-department-closes-two-schools-during-measles-outbreak.page>

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