

Restart Survey Results as of 5/18/20

Total Number of Submissions: 123 [65 Male/58 Female]

Note: Most respondents answered for both Weekday and Shabbat while about a third only responded regarding weekday or Shabbat. This explains why there are 121 respondents and 187 responses.

	Ready weekday		Ready Shabbat		Might be Ready Weekday		Might be Ready Shabbat		Not Ready Weekday		Not Ready Shabbat		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Age	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
< 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-39	1	0	3	0	2	0	4	1	5	7	6	10	39
40-59	9	1	7	4	3	2	3	8	3	4	4	12	60
60-69	5	0	10	6	7	1	6	2	1	4	3	10	53
70-79	4	0	4	0	4	0	5	1	5	2	5	2	32
80+	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Total	22	1	26	10	16	3	18	12	15	17	19	32	
Combined Total	23		36		19		30		32		51		191

Comments:

I am in a vulnerable age group. Without a vaccine it would be risky to return to services at this time.

I would only return under restrictions and with proper getting of procedures by a healthcare professional.

I am very concerned about the overall plan to loosen restrictions at the current pace in Ohio. I think it is too fast. There is not currently adequate testing for the general public. I anticipate that there will be a need to return to stricter lockdown again if we continue at this pace.

I am in what is considered a vulnerable group, and therefore cannot afford to take any risk of participating in any gathering, no matter how many or how few other participants attend

I am mixed on returning, but hope to soon. I have seen time and time again that people come to shul sick. Couple of ideas. 1) Family's are sold seats that can be reserved for their use only. It would provide revenue to the shul. 2) No out of town visitors should be allowed in the shul. This was the practice of many shuls in Florida in March Keeping a tighter circle of who comes in and out would help control spread of virus. 3) anyone with a known possible exposure would not be allowed in the shul for a period of time to protect others. I think some frontline workers such as healthcare and those in public spaces where you do not know who you are in contact with

should be considered as if they are transmitting the virus.

4) No food 5) No Babysitting 6) No loitering

Dr Fauci doesn't have a great history for getting things correct. Just saying

My answer depends on what those safeguards and guidelines actually are. The biggest risk is from those who are infected, and these individuals may not be sick. It probably would be impossible to require that anyone who comes back will be tested for infection, but the other problem is those who have a little cough and say that its just allergies. We have to be willing to turn people away at the door if they have any symptoms whatsoever, or send them away if they have symptoms when they are in the synagogue. I'm also worried about those with high risk, like older people. I would feel more comfortable attending if I knew I wasn't going to get someone else sick.

With escalating corona virus cases and no vaccine there is no medical reason to allow us to gather

At this time we can safely shop at almost any store for anything we may need with precautions. I see no downside to having services everyday while following proper precautions. Pretty simple

I am particularly concerned for those members who are over 60 or have other health concerns. Keeping our community safe is the biggest issue for me.

If I can get clearance from my cardiologist with the understanding that specific guidelines are being followed on an ongoing basis. I would like to return to Shul for both weekday and Shabbat services.

While COVID-19 is out there, I'm not going to go to populated places if I don't have to. It is uncomfortable to wear a mask and follow other necessary behaviors, so I'd rather avoid it.

The priority is the health and well-being of the members. I am concerned for those members over 60 or those who have underlying health problems. Returning to shul can wait until it is safe.

In my situation (age and underlying condition), it's just too dangerous to my life. I deeply regret writing this, but....

Want to make sure that Columbus doesn't spike with all things opening

At this time with proper precautions we can shop in public for most anything we may need. With proper precautions we probably would have better adherence to the guidelines than I see when shopping. Pretty simple. Time to open in a responsible and cautious manner.

At risk for transmitting the virus (work in healthcare)

I am not sure that I agree with the degree to which safeguards are being mandated for attendees

It depends on a variety of issues. I would first want to see more prolonged and substantive results on bringing down the prevailing infection rates and death rates. With regard to services at the shul, I'd first like to see some smaller trials to see how the shul is set up, and whether the davening process would be suitable, safe, and conducive to a meaningful religious experience. I think any changes should be rolled out gradually or in stages. We probably should wait until after shavuos.

What is the purpose of a shul? Is it for prayer, community, friends, gathering, economics? If we can daven at home; is prayer a primary reason? With the congregants socializing and children, I think it will be difficult to maintain a social distance. It is imperative to keep our community healthy and having a crowd of people in an enclosed area is not a responsible choice. I feel the risk is not worth the benefit(s).

My comments probably won't fit in the survey space provided. I prefer meeting on Zoom rather than going to Shul in a Tisha B'Av manner with no socializing; or no refreshments on Shabbos.

In some ways a Shul is like a business. I think dine-in service opens on May 21st here in Ohio. Let's see how that works for the restaurant business. Let's see what the schools do. Summers are generally a slow time for Shul attendance and programming in the best of times. Starting back with a fortress mentality is not optimal in my opinion. My preference is to open a few weeks before Yom-Tov

(our busy season). Let's rev up our engines for a grand re-opening.

On the flip side I know that a Shul is not a business. If we have to open ASAP for Halachic reasons then my reasoning is out the window. We don't have to mimic the competition. Their membership demographics may pressure them to open sooner rather than later. I think we can have a safer and more robust opening by holding off.

Yikes, No! This really seems premature. I am not sure why this is even a point of discussion

I'm not ready to re-emerge into voluntary communal events yet. If I'm going to go out it'll be for necessary reasons only (work, groceries)

maybe use parking lots for minyanim when no torah reading

I would need to feel comfortable not only with the Shul's decision but also with everyone else in the community & how they are conducting themselves, and if they are truly acting safely. I would prefer we err on the side of caution. And I would prefer extremely small, staggered services etc. I would also want safeguards regarding kiddush, Torah reading, etc. Perhaps limits on numbers of people and even reservations for coming in.

Enough is enough! We are not conservative or reform synagogues, we are an Orthodox Synagogue and we need to do in-person not on some virtual simulation. Churches are opening May 31st, yet we are staying closed? We are big enough to practice good social

distance. We could also have davening during the week, to begin with on Mondays and Thursdays. We need to live not Cower!

Waiting to here how things pan out now that people are starting to step out, work, and somewhat socialize

Waiting to see what happens about a resurgence or not, with businesses opening and people going back to work

I do not feel there is a good enough understanding and control of the corona virus in order to accurately detect and contain it. As it is right now, someone could be a carrier and not even know it until they have infected everyone around them.

Still seems premature, as the city is opening up and the cases are still not going down. Absolutely No reason to return to shul until cases have gone down significantly

I believe we could potentially open the shul for weekday minyan if either outdoor minyan or the large shul was utilized with people appropriately spread out. The digital minyan gets around 12-15 every morning, and while I may not be able to be there, I think there is sufficient space to have a minyan and keep everyone safe in the building.

Shabbat is another story. The crowds would be larger and I don't think you could either balance social distancing or feeling welcoming well. Potentially if there was an outdoor minyan with masks, this could be managed.

My concern is not so much for me. It's for the other members of the shul. The most active members of the shul are (and this is no offense to anyone) over the age of 55. I am concerned we would be putting those who are most vulnerable in the shul consistently at risk.

That said, I am not a medical expert. I do not have a medical degree of any kind. I would defer to a physician and/or an epidemiologist with more knowledge. I just want people to be safe, first and foremost, without additional risk.