



EMANU EL MEMORIAL PARK

FUNERAL PROTOCOL (effective 6/11/21)

As we have since the early days of the pandemic, our congregation's leadership remains focused on our community's safety and continues to follow the guidance provided by our medical advisors and local and national government agencies. Their guidance, coupled with promising vaccination rates and other local data about COVID-19 activity, has allowed us to safely make the following general and specific changes, which will begin implementation on June 11, 2021. The guidelines below, while written here for Emanu El Memorial Park, parallel those being implemented at the congregation:

Vaccinations

- All congregants, visitors, clergy and funeral home staff attending funerals and unveilings who are eligible to be vaccinated are expected to be vaccinated. Simply stated: if you are not vaccinated, you are not safe and you may put others at risk. Additionally, if you have a condition that weakens your immune system, you may not be fully protected even if you have been vaccinated.
- If you have any concern about in-person attendance or visits, please consult your physician for guidance before attending indoor or outdoor events, or before deciding to stop wearing a mask or social distancing.
- While we highly encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated, we realize that not everyone will be able to do so. If you are not vaccinated, for your personal and others' safety, please consider attending funerals remotely.
- Children under 12 and those not fully vaccinated should continue wearing masks and observe social distancing while attending funerals and services at the cemetery or at temple.

Masks

- In alignment with the above vaccination policy, masks will no longer be required at either indoor or outdoor events for fully vaccinated individuals.
- While no longer required, we certainly understand that some of you will choose to wear a mask and respect your decision to do so.

Other notes

- Attendance will no longer be limited at graveside or Chapel Funerals or unveilings.
- Chairs and tents may be set up at graveside, chairs may be set up on the chapel floor, and shovels provided by the funeral homes.
- Funeral directors may provide and distribute kriaH ribbons, Israel earth, water, printed materials, kippot, etc.