

Temple Beth David COVID-19 Safety Procedures

In order to protect the health and safety of all, Temple Beth David reserves the right to refuse entry to persons who do not comply with the procedures outlined below. In the event that the local virus positivity rate or variant status changes, guidelines may be revised in order to adapt to these changes.

- I. All persons over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask while in the temple building. Masks must cover the nose and mouth at all times. The temple will provide a disposable medical mask to anyone who wants a mask. During all religious school activities everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is required to wear a proper mask.
- II. All persons entering the building will sign in, agree to comply with the COVID-19 safety procedures, and provide their name, telephone number, and email address. For large events, the event organizer may choose to pre-populate a sign-in sheet.
- III. No one should enter the building if they have any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, or exposure to a COVID-positive person in the past 2 weeks or any 2 of the following: fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or fatigue. We reserve the right to take individuals' temperature if needed. All persons will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- IV. Sanctuary: A maximum of 60 people will be allowed in the sanctuary (40 on the main floor; 20 in the balcony). Windows will be opened to provide ventilation. Alternate rows of pews will be cordoned off to provide social distancing. When individuals are called to the bima they will allow those called before them to leave the bima. Congregant(s) will read from the reading stand on the left, and the Rabbi/B'nai Mitzvah/prayer leader will read at the center table. In order to avoid crowds at the doorway when services conclude, congregants will exit the sanctuary in an orderly manner, one pew at a time as instructed by ushers. Those in the balcony will exit first, followed by those seated in the rear of the main floor. Everyone will remain in their pews until it is their turn to exit. Congregants are welcome to gather in outside spaces (but not in the lobby or social hall) while being mindful of social distancing.
- V. Outdoor Services and Torah Study: Masks are not required for outdoor events. Torah Study will take place outdoors, weather permitting, or in the social hall. No food/beverages are to be consumed inside the building at this time.
- VI. Religious School: Parents must pick up and drop off their children outside of the building. At this time, parents are not allowed inside the building during religious school. A teen or adult will be waiting for the students at drop off to bring children into the building and will bring individual classes outside the building for pick up by parents at the conclusion of school. Masks will be worn by everyone, regardless of vaccination status.
- VII. Bathroom: Only one person or one family unit is allowed in each bathroom at a time. Hand washing or hand sanitizer must be used before leaving the bathroom.
- VIII. Kitchen: At this time, no food or beverages will be served at the temple. Religious school students may have snacks in outside spaces, but sharing of food/beverages is not permitted.
- IX. Committee Meetings: Meetings may be conducted indoors at the discretion of the Temple President and the staff. All others should consult with the President and/or staff at this time.