

Reopening Guidance – Original from July 13, 2021 (update as of July 31, 2021)

Dear Beth Shalom Families,

We are excited to announce that Beth Shalom will move to the next phase of reopening on August 1, 2021. We understand several decisions needed to be made in order for decisions to be made about the upcoming celebrations, religious school, and the holidays, but we ask for your patience and understanding as we work through the smaller details.

The Board voted as soon as we were installed and heard motions from Health and Safety, and the following was approved and will be effective August 1, 2021.

Note: Updated as of 7/31/21, version 2 to reflect the increased risks and cases due to the Delta variant and reflecting current guidance from both the CDC and NC DHHS.

Services & Tanakh Talks

- Ask that ALL people older than 2 years old in the building wear a mask (regardless of vaccination status) out of abundance of caution and to help protect both yourself and others.
 - Only exceptions for people while leading services on the Bimah or people who are alone in their own office with the door closed.
- Anyone not feeling well or with a cough or temperature should refrain from coming; please stay home.
- The same guidance is in effect for other events, such as Tanakh Talks, Book Club, meetings, etc.
- Services and Tanakh Talks will continue to be broadcast for remote viewing, for anyone unable or unwilling to attend in person.
- Food and Oneg may be served, subject to our revised Food Handling protocols. We are working out safer way to serve food since “buffets” are currently frowned on by the CDC—but we are a creative bunch
 - But remember there is not a list in place yet so it may take the committee a little while to organize.

B'nei Mitzvahs

- At a minimum, the same restrictions and guidance as listed above.
 - Additional specific restrictions may occur per the request of the individual families celebrating their Simcha.

Religious School

- Anyone entering the building during Religious School hours must wear a mask and follow social distancing and other rules set for the school.

High Holidays – discussions amongst the key stakeholders are ongoing re: HHD; anticipate a separate update on this shortly.

As always, we have based the decisions on current information. We will continue to keep a diligent watch on the trends in case any changes are needed. Of course, we will pray for the best—but the fall and winter normally bring respiratory issues for many of us, so please be careful.

Sincerely,

Beth Shalom Reopening Team, Board of Directors, and the entire Beth Shalom Community.