



## **Covid Committee Report September 26, 2021**

The Covid Committee continues to meet regularly to update our policies and procedures for the well-being of our members as conditions change and we learn more about prevention and treatment the Covid virus.

### **NEW:**

As of this writing, the FDA has given full approval to the Pfizer vaccine for ages 16 and up. Therefore, **Beth Hillel now REQUIRES vaccination for those 16 and up for any in-person event, class, or service at Beth Hillel Temple.** (Proof will not be needed.) In addition, we continue to require that masks be worn by all who enter the Temple building, whether those individuals are vaccinated or not. ***We will also ask you to sign in at any Temple service for the purpose of contact-tracing, if needed. Pre-registration is NOT required, except for specially designated events.***

**PLEASE NOTE: Our policies will change with further FDA approvals and changing infection and vaccination rates.**

### **ONGOING POLICIES**

- Temple staff, working in their own spaces, will be allowed to work unmasked, but they will mask when visitors, students, or service providers are in close proximity.
- Social distancing must be observed. Rows are taped off in the sanctuary to help with social distancing. When you choose an open row for yourself or your family, please leave at least two seats between your "pod" and the next "pod" in your row.
- We ask that you not hug, shake hands or congregate in the building.
- Parents are asked not to socialize inside the building when waiting for children. Children will be brought outside the lower-level door when the parent arrives to pick them up.
- Masks will not be required outside, but social distancing will remain in place.
- When participating in services, congregants are asked to sing quietly into their masks.
- When participating on the bima, honorees will be informed about protocols and will need to mask and social distance. Any variation from this requirement for special circumstances will be discussed in advance with those involved.
- Food will not be served at any Temple event for the foreseeable future, unless pre-packaged or brought and eaten by the individual using social distancing.
- Further restrictions will be guided by CDC, State and local health policies, as the situation develops.

The Education Committee of Beit Sefer Beth Hillel (BSBH) school will be working on policies for families experiencing a Covid infection, to be determined and shared with the families as soon as possible.

**\*\*As always, please DO NOT come to Temple if you have any COVID-like [symptoms](#).\*\***

**\*\*\*The best defense against COVID is vaccination. We encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated as soon as possible, including the booster vaccine for those eligible.\*\*\***

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