

Our COVID task force met in early March to assess our present protocols and make recommendations for expanding TBT access. While the CDC issued new gathering recommendations on March 9, 2021, the committee discussed and felt that the following guidelines for Temple Beth Tikvah were the most prudent at this time.

All decisions are made with the intent of fulfilling our mission as a synagogue community. While some decisions may seem more stringent than local and state practices we come from a place of Jewish values, especially that of Pikuah Nefesh.

Regardless of vaccine status, ALL persons who enter the TBT facility must be masked.

Our next phase will take effect beginning the week of April 11, 2021, Rosh Hodesh Iyar

We will offer in-person services for all Shabbatot, Friday, and Saturday, beginning with Erev Shabbat service on Friday, April 16.

1. The maximum number of individuals in the sanctuary at any one time will remain at 30.
2. Attendance is by RSVP in advance. This is for purposes of contact tracing.

A simcha will remain as a “private event” and the “host family” will be responsible for submitting their invitation list **no later than Thursday** prior to their Shabbat.

There will be new signage on the doors, with the “5 questions” to be asked before entering the building.

We will no longer require temperature checks when entering the building, however all individuals **MUST** sign in with the office during business hours.

After hours, the “program host” will be responsible for submitting the roster to the office by the next business day.

If a simcha, the synagogue greeter/usher will welcome and check off the names.

We will welcome small groups for **in-person gatherings/meetings** with advanced registration. There will be **TWO** spaces for groups to meet.

- Social Hall, no more than 30 persons socially distanced and masked.
- Upstairs auditorium in the school building, with a maximum of 20 persons.

Each of these locations will utilize a different entrance and exit if gathering simultaneously.

We strongly encourage outdoor gatherings but should small groups wish to meet in the building there may be no more than two groups meeting at any one time during this phase.

*The ECEC established protocols and a rigorous criterion out of an abundance of caution that will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. For details please contact [Linda Siegel](#), ECEC Director.

Thank you for the continued support of our work as we diligently strive to move us toward a full and healthy TBT synagogue community.

The COVID Taskforce Committee

P.S. As we move toward this soft opening, we need greeters/ushers for Shabbat services. Please [click here to sign up](#) or contact the office to volunteer. 770-642-0434.