July 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

Since June 15th, California has been returning to life that looks a little more normal. The same is true at PTS and I am happy to share this update with you.

We are delighted to have returned to our beautiful campus. The offices are now fully staffed during regular business hours. Shabbat and other worship services are taking place in person and also on Zoom, so that individuals can choose how to participate. Meetings, social events, and learning programs are returning to campus according to the desires of those participants. Youth education and programs for the fall will take place in person and Preschool, which has remained open throughout the pandemic, will continue in person. We are looking forward to seeing you on campus!

PTS is committed to the health and safety of our congregants, visitors and staff. While we are paying attention to the impact of the Delta variant, we are also actively opening for more activities, always in line with guidelines from the CDC and the State of California paired with the needs of our particular community and based on our PTS Values of Caring & Kindness, Commitment to Community and Embracing Change.

This email includes our policies today. Of course, like always with COVID, we are ready to make changes quickly as appropriate.

What you can expect when you come to PTS

Entry Requirements
Everyone who is healthy is welcome to come to PTS during regular business hours or for worship and programming.

Face Coverings
Below are guidelines for PTS-sponsored worship, programs, and events. Guidelines may vary slightly for private events, such as b’nai mitzvah.

- Are required by unvaccinated individuals at all times on campus.
- Are required for all congregants and visitors for PTS indoor gatherings.
- May be removed by vaccinated individuals when they are outdoors.

Capacity and Distance Limitations
We are no longer enforcing COVID-related capacity or distance limitations. Of course, fire safety limitations still apply.
Evolving Protocols
With the rise of the Delta variant, these PTS guidelines may change. We are always discussing safety protocols, including masks, distancing, ventilation, and vaccination, and will make shifts as appropriate.

Respecting Differences
Some congregants and visitors are comfortable shaking hands or hugging. Others are not. We ask you to be mindful of the diverse needs of our PTS community.

Virtual Programming
We want to give you a choice! Shabbat worship, adult learning, and many other PTS programs will take place both in person and virtually. See our PTS calendar for upcoming programs and a list of Zoom links here.

What You Can Expect from PTS to Keep the Campus Safe
Upgraded Ventilation System
We have upgraded the air filtration system throughout the facility. In addition, weather permitting, program participants are encouraged to keep internal doors and windows open to improve air flow. These protocols are subject to change in the event that the Air Quality Index rises above 100.

New Safety Standards
We have implemented many of the same safety precautions that you see elsewhere: touchless hand sanitizers, disposable masks, and plexiglass dividers. We commit to you that we will stay current with best practices.

Vaccinations
Our staff is fully vaccinated. We strongly encourage our entire PTS community to become vaccinated too. Visit myturn.ca.gov for more information.

Continued Focus on Security
During the past year, we made a number of improvements to our site, some which are invisible. Visible improvements include new fencing, lighting, and cameras. We ask that you remain observant when you are on campus, and that if you see something, say something.

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I encourage you to visit our PTS Covid web page for additional information.

Please remember that our rabbis and cantor are available to assist with care for your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Shabbat Shalom,
Karen Wisialowski
Chief Community Officer