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Due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, creating an exact timeline for resuming “normal” operations is not feasible. We will continue to monitor applicable state and local guidance, practices within the Jewish community, and surrounding religious and non-religious organizations to determine next steps for reopening services, programs, in-office staff operations, and outside events. Safety protocols will be updated regularly depending on extant COVID infection rates and current local, State, and Federal guidelines and requirements, so please check on our website periodically for our most recent safety practices.

The success of our *Reopening* action plan relies on how well everyone follows social distancing and health and safety protocols.

As such, the following protocols continue to be implemented to ensure your health and safety. Please bring any concerns regarding the following protocols to the *Reopening* team.

- Vaccinations and boosters (where applicable) for all eligible ages is encouraged but not required. [Here](#) is vaccination information for children that is helpful.
- Anyone over the age of two, who is medically able, is required to wear a mask within the building (per the recommendation of the Albany County Department of Health).
- Pre-registration required for all programs, events, services, etc. Walk-ins are discouraged.
- Visits to the Synagogue Office are by [appointment only](#). Please complete request form online or call the office prior to coming to the building.
- Guests will be reminded that if they are experiencing any COVID symptoms or have been exposed to please remain home until it is safe to return.
- Seating in the sanctuary and during Kiddush should follow social distancing guidelines for “family pods”. Kiddish will be provided with a “to go” option so anyone feeling uncomfortable eating with a crowd can take food with them to go.