

Guidance for Submission to Reopening Committee September 2020

Most Temple Aliyah events will be virtual for the foreseeable future. Any Temple Aliyah group proposing or sponsoring an in-person program at Temple Aliyah or at an off-site location for Temple Aliyah members should submit a written proposal to the Temple Aliyah Reopening Committee to address how the event will handle COVID-19 concerns. Every program or proposed activity is different. No template can address all of the possible issues. This guidance document is designed to allow groups to think through and address the issues related to COVID-19, which are the basis for decisions by the Reopening Committee. At a minimum, each program should comply with the Governor's guidance for houses of worship. See <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-places-of-worship> (last updated Sept. 8, 2020).

The Reopening Committee generally meets monthly in the middle of each month. Groups should submit event proposals as early as possible to facilitate review by the Committee. If a proposed event requires quicker Reopening Committee consideration, the Reopening Committee may be able to review the written proposal on an expedited schedule. Any group with questions about the Reopening Committee review process may contact Committee Chair Peter Krupp or Executive Director Melissa Rudman.

Any written proposal should address the following:

I. Description of Event

What is the name of the event? When will it be held? Describe the number of possible participants and how and where the event will be run. The more detail provided, the easier it is to review the event. Will the event involve children? How will pick-up and drop-off be coordinated? Will the event involve food or shared materials? Generally, all events must require masks to be worn and social distancing to be enforced.

II. Covid-19 Transmission Concerns

No one may attend who themselves or a member of their household (i) has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days, (ii) has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the prior 3 days (fever, chills, sore throat, new cough, nasal congestion unrelated to seasonal allergies, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting), (iii) has been told to quarantine in the prior 14 days, or (iv) is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test. In addition, any participant in an in-person Temple Aliyah event must acknowledge understanding the COVID-19 risks of participating in the in-person event, and must agree to contact Rabbi Perkins if they are diagnosed with COVID-19 so Temple Aliyah can notify other program participants. The event sponsor and/or the Temple Aliyah staff must maintain a list of all those who attend the event, and make sure that each participant meets these Covid standards.

How will the event make sure that all participants maintain social distancing, remain masked at all times, and otherwise comply with the Governor's guidance for houses of worship. What PPE (e.g. masks, hand sanitizer) will be available?

III. Post-Event Cleaning

What will the post-event cleanup involve? Will objects (e.g. books, chairs, other materials) be used? How will they be sanitized / cleaned after the event.