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The following rules must be strictly adhered to at every minyan location, on weekdays and Shabbat:

Signup Protocol:

- **MINYAN ATTENDANCE IS BY SIGNUP ONLY.**
- If you sign up for a minyan, please be sure to attend (unless you are not feeling well). We are counting on you.
- If you cannot attend a minyan you have signed up for, please use the sign-up link to remove your name from that minyan.

Minyan Protocol:

- ALL participants must wear masks covering their nose and mouth throughout davening, at both indoor and outdoor minyanim. Exception: the baal tefillah and baal koreh at an outdoor minyan do not have to wear a mask while they are leading davening/leining, provided they are 12+ feet away from the other attendees. **If you cannot find a comfortable, acceptable way to wear a mask covering your nose and mouth throughout davening, please do not attend a YINR organized minyan, indoors or outdoors.**
- Social distancing is required, with at least a 6 foot radius around each person.
- Each participant in an outdoor minyan must bring their own siddur, chumash and tallit.
- Leining at all minyanim:
The baal koreh will do Pesicha. Any minyan that has a plexiglass divider that protects the lainer and oleh from each other can have aliyot by congregants. In minyanim without the divider, the baal koreh will receive all three or seven aliyot (and the Maftir/Haftorah.) **The protocol for hagbah and gelilah is being changed to allow two people to participate, preferably the baal koreh (or a family member) for hagbah, and a second person for gelilah, both wearing masks.**
- No congregating or kiddushim before or after minyan.

- All Shacharit minyanim will begin at Rebbe Yishmael.
- If you feel ill, do not attend the minyan, even if that means that group will no longer have a minyan.

Who Cannot/Should Not Sign Up/Attend:

- Anyone with one or more symptoms listed on the [CDC Coronavirus website](#).
- Do not sign up if you have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 3 weeks.
- If you were infected with COVID-19, you must be symptom free for at least 2 weeks before signing up.
- Do not sign up if in the past 14 days you have been exposed to an individual infected or suspected to have been infected with COVID-19. This applies whether or not your physician has advised you to self-quarantine.
- Do not sign up if in the past 14 days you have been exposed to an individual who, in the past 14 days, tested positive (regardless of results of subsequent testing) for COVID-19. This applies whether or not your physician has advised you to self-quarantine.
- Do not sign up for any minyan while you are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test due to symptoms or exposure, for you or someone in your household.
- Do not sign up for an indoor minyan if you have traveled by airplane in the past 14 days (You may sign up for an outdoor minyan.)
- **Do not sign up for an indoor minyan if you have returned from sleepaway camp in the past 14 days (You may sign up for an outdoor minyan.)**
- Do not sign up for any minyan, indoor or outdoor, if you are subject to the 14 day quarantine mandated for travelers arriving from designated states. (Consult the [NYS website](#) for the current list of states.)
- Those over the age of 65 or in a **high-risk group** should consult with their physician before signing up.
- Children younger than 11 years old may not sign up for any minyan.

For minyanim taking place at YINR:

- **The garage is now available. Only one family at a time may use the elevator.**
- On Shabbat, please use the front doors to enter the building. If you are davening in the Social Hall, proceed directly downstairs once you enter the building.
- Please use restrooms only on the level you on which you are davening.
- The interior doors will be open to limit contact points.

Important notes:

- If you are not able to use or access the sign-up link for any reason, or have a specific need for a particular location and cannot get a spot there, please email gabbai@yinr.org.
- Finally, and most importantly, Rabbi Fink continues to remind us that the pandemic is still with us. He has paskened that anyone who is personally concerned about minyan attendance due to COVID-19, even a young and healthy individual, is exempt from attending minyan.

[SIGNUP LINK](#)