

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
BUILDING USE OPERATING POLICY DURING COVID-19

This policy, written on September 10, 2020 by the Reopening Task Force Committee and approved by the Executive Officers, will be in effect until either rescinded or a new policy is adopted. For the safety of Beth Israel members and the entire community, we ask that everyone practice physical distancing and wearing a mask when in public at all times.

Pre Entry screening

Anyone entering Beth Israel is required to self-screen for COVID-19. An individual must be able to confirm they are not experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Aches
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste
- New Loss of Smell

Anyone who recently traveled outside of Maryland must follow state and county regulations about quarantining.

Mask Wearing

All individuals must put on a mask prior to entering the building. Masks must be worn the entire time in the building. Masks must completely cover one's nose and mouth.

Mask exceptions: The Rabbi and Cantor are not required to wear masks when leading a religious service. Others must remain 25 feet away from clergy when they are singing or speaking without a mask. Staff may remove their mask when alone in their private office space. When interacting with someone who is standing in their doorway, a mask must be worn. Staff who sit in a cubicle must put on a mask if any person is in the front office space.

Hand Hygiene

Upon entering the building, individuals should either use hand sanitizer or wash their hands. Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizer for anyone remaining in the building for an extended period of time (>2 hours) is highly encouraged.

Physical Distancing

People always need to remain 6 feet apart from anyone outside their family pod.

In small areas such as individual staff offices, only one person may be in the room at a time. If more than one person occupies a midsize space such as the conference room,

library or workroom everyone must wear masks, remain 6 feet apart and doors remain open.

Use of Restroom

Visitors may use restrooms closest to the front entrance. Only one family unit may use the restroom at a time. Please use the marked stall and sink. Staff should use the restroom by the office area. The restrooms will be cleaned daily. During any program that includes 10 or more people for more than an hour, the restroom by the front door will be cleaned every hour.

Food

No consumption of food may take place in any common areas. Staff may eat in their office and no one may enter this space for the next 15 minutes.

Services in the Combined Sanctuary/Social Hall Space

During a service where the Rabbi, Cantor and/or Bar/bat Mitzvah will not be wearing a mask, the maximum household units allowed in the space is 10 – 12 family pods. (Pods to be determined by situation.) Each household pod must sit 15 feet away from other family pods. All attendees must remain 25 feet from the Rabbi and Cantor when the clergy are singing or speaking without a mask. The service must be two hours or less.

Programs in the Social Hall

This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Contact Tracing

If someone tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a program at Beth Israel, please notify Valerie Thaler, Synagogue Director so the synagogue can notify all who were in attendance.

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OUTDOOR EVENT OPERATING POLICY DURING COVID-19

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Pre Event screening

Anyone attending a Beth Israel program is required to self-screen for COVID-19. An individual must be able to confirm they are not experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Aches
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste
- New Loss of Smell

Mask Wearing

All individuals must put on a mask prior to entering the building. Masks must be worn the entire time in the building. Masks must completely cover one's nose and mouth. Masks must be worn if within 6 feet of others. Masks may be removed if outside and 10 feet or more from others.

Physical Distancing

People always need to remain 6 feet apart from anyone outside their family pod.

Use of Restroom

Visitors may use restrooms closest to the front entrance. Only one family unit may use the restroom at a time. Please use the marked stall and sink. The restrooms will be cleaned daily. During any program that includes 10 or more people for more than an hour, the restroom will be cleaned every hour.

Food

Family pods should remain more than 10 feet apart if eating or drinking at an outdoor program. No sharing of food or drink.

Contact Tracing

If someone tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a program at Beth Israel, please notify Valerie Thaler, Synagogue Director so the synagogue can notify all who were in attendance.