

**THE JEWISH FELLOWSHIP**  
**IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE**

JUNE 21, 2021

Now that the Fellowship has fully resumed in person worship, we are pleased to announce that social events will return as well, e.g., Bridge/ Bridge Lessons, Sisterhood Book Club, meetings and weekly Mah Jongg games, and a Summer children's chavurah program.

While the CDC and the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania have announced various evolving and anticipated changes to Covid-related guidelines and regulations, **the JFHF Board of Directors and the Rabbi have agreed that, for the interim, the Fellowship's protocols will be updated as listed, then explained below.** We will be reviewing and possibly adjusting these preventive measures on a monthly basis:

- FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN TO ENTER and EXIT THE FELLOWSHIP.
- Regardless of vaccination status, MASKS fully covering the nose must be worn in the FOYER, the SANCTUARY, and enroute to or in the LAVATORIES.
- TEMPERATURES and SIGN-IN will continue to be required for entry to Services and to Social Events.
- In the SANCTUARY, distanced seating may be eased then eventually eliminated.
- For the time being, ONEGS will be on hold with KITCHEN ACCESS LIMITED.
- SANITIZATION BETWEEN EVENTS will continue in addition to regular cleaning.
- In the SOCIAL HALL, for events other than services when more time can be taken to request and verify status of attendees, small groups of FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WHO PRESENT WRITTEN PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS as long as they comply with all other posted guidelines.

Based on the Board's understanding of recent scientific and medical guidance and its desire for the safety of ALL its members and guests, we believe the wearing of face masks in indoor settings such as ours is still necessary in most instances. PA vaccination rates vary by county. Pike County currently has less than 40% of its residents fully vaccinated. In addition, our county is experiencing a Covid-19 positivity rate of 3.7%, much greater than the 0.5% rate seen as acceptable in group settings to eliminate mask wearing. Furthermore, our unique membership includes children, not yet eligible for vaccination, and an older and more vulnerable population, who may be more susceptible to getting very ill even if vaccinated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gail Neldon, President