



BARNERT TEMPLE COVID-19 FAQs

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The Barnert Temple COVID-19 Task Force (CTF) is comprised of 12 Barnert Temple members, in addition to Rabbi Steiner and Sara Losch, our Director of Lifelong Learning, who meet weekly to discuss, evaluate, and define or modify policies and guidelines related to COVID-19, Barnert Temple's operations, and visitation and access to Barnert Temple's building and grounds. The members of our CTF represent a range of Barnert constituencies and possess a range of professional skills and backgrounds, including medical, public health, and legal. The primary goal of the CTF is to protect the health and safety of our staff, community, and all who visit our campus while trying to maintain our ability to gather, worship, and connect in person.

There are various documents maintained by the CTF which detail the procedures and protocols Barnert has in place to achieve this goal. The information below answers some of the frequently asked questions related to COVID-19 policies and guidelines at Barnert and includes important information you should know before coming to Barnert's campus.

Do I Need to Wear a Mask at Barnert?

Inside Our Building:

Anyone entering our building must be masked at all times, regardless of vaccination status.

Outside, on Our Grounds:

If you are fully vaccinated or under the age of 2, you do not need to be masked.

If you are *not* fully vaccinated and over the age of 2, you must be masked.

Note: If you are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, regardless of your vaccination status, we recommend you wear a mask while on our grounds.

Do I Need to be Vaccinated to Come to Barnert?

Effective Nov. 15, 2021: If you are 16 years of age or older, you will need to be fully vaccinated to come to Barnert's campus. This includes our building and our outside grounds. This policy applies to anyone coming to our campus, including guests for *B'nai Mitzvot*.

Additional details regarding the verification of vaccination status are forthcoming.

What if I Have Recently Traveled Outside the U.S.?

If you have traveled internationally within the past 10 days, you must meet the following conditions before coming to Barnert's campus.

If you are **fully vaccinated**:

- If you are symptom free and remain in good health, you do NOT need to quarantine after arriving in the U.S.
- You do need to take a PCR test 3-5 days after returning. You must also wear a mask, even outside at Barnert, until you receive a negative test result.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 after returning, you should NOT come to Barnert's campus and must follow the 10-day isolation guidelines defined by the CDC, described below.
 - *10 days of isolation, starting from your positive test result if asymptomatic OR from the onset of symptoms if symptomatic.*
 - *If symptomatic, you must be fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms must be improving.*

If you are **not fully vaccinated**:

- You must quarantine for 10 days in the U.S.

OR

- Receive a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or Rapid) 1-3 days *before* returning to the U.S.

AND

- Receive a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or Rapid) 3-5 days *after* returning to the U.S.
AND
- Quarantine in the U.S. for 7 days.

If you do test positive, you should self-isolate for at least 10 days and may not come to Barnert's campus during the 10-day isolation period. Reminder: Once you have completed your 10-day isolation period, you must be fever-free for 24 hours and either asymptomatic or have symptoms that are improving before coming to Barnert's campus.

What if I Have Recently Traveled Outside the New Jersey?

There is no longer an official domestic travel advisory in place for New Jersey. However, regardless of vaccination status, the Barnert CTF recommends that you:

- Get tested 3-5 days after returning/arriving to New Jersey.
- Wear a mask, even when outdoors, until you receive a negative test result.
- Monitor your symptoms for 14 days following your return/arrival.

What if I Have Been Exposed to Someone with or Suspected of Having COVID-19?

If you are **fully vaccinated**, you may come to Barnert's campus if:

- You have no COVID-19 signs or symptoms
AND
- You get a PCR test 3-5 days after your exposure
AND
- You wear a mask for 14 days following exposure **OR** until you receive a negative test result.

If you are **not fully vaccinated**,

- You may **NOT** come to Barnert's campus for 14 days following your exposure.

What if I Test Positive for COVID-19?

If you are **symptomatic**,

- You may **NOT** come to Barnert's campus for 10 days after your symptoms began **AND** until you are fever free **AND** your symptoms are improving.

If you are **asymptomatic (not experiencing symptoms)**,

- You may not come to Barnert's campus for 10 days following your positive test result. If you begin experiencing symptoms, follow the guidelines above.

What if I Begin Experiencing Symptoms on the List Below?

- Fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher)
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose (not associated with allergies)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you are experiencing any of the signs or symptoms listed above, you can come to Barnert's campus **IF**:

1. You have received a negative PCR test since the onset of your symptoms.
2. You have remained fever-free for 48 hours.
3. You have remained symptom free for 48 hours.*

Note: If you are still experiencing fatigue or loss of taste/smell, you can come to Barnert's campus as long as you aren't experiencing other symptoms on the list and you meet the criteria in bullets 1 and 2 above.

Do I Need to Complete a COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire Every Time I (or my child) Come to Barnert?

Yes.

Anyone coming to our campus – this includes employees, staff, students (Preschool and JJP) lay volunteers, members, and visitors – is asked to complete a questionnaire before coming to our campus.

Visit <https://www.barnerttemple.org/covidscreening> to complete our quick, online screening questionnaire **no more than 24 hours prior** to coming to our campus.

If you receive a “Denied” message, please help protect the health and safety of others, and do not come to our campus.

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES: The Preschool has a separate set of guidelines and uses a tool designed for the Preschool. Please follow the screening directions provided by the Preschool.

What if Someone at Barnert Tests Positive for COVID-19?

We gather attendance information for all in-person programs at Barnert, from school attendance to Shabbat worship. We also know who is coming to our building based on the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire everyone is asked to complete.

If someone who has come to our campus notifies us that they have tested positive for COVID-19, we will use attendance and check-in data along with our COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire to contact anyone who may be impacted.

Who Do I Contact if I Test Positive for COVID-19 and Have Been to Barnert's Campus?

Notifying people with whom you have had contact is an important step in protecting others and limiting the spread of COVID-19.

If you have been on Barnert's campus and later test positive for COVID-19, please notify our office at (201) 848-1800. If you are concerned about confidentiality, you can also notify our Rabbi, Rachel Steiner, directly at rabbisteiner@barnerttemple.org or call the office and ask to be connected to the Rabbi's direct line.

What Else is Barnert Doing to Keep People Safe While on Barnert's Campus?

In addition to masking and vaccination policies, Barnert has implemented a range of new cleaning protocols following CDC guidance and improvements to our ventilation system to help protect all who come to our campus. We have also modified our seating to support social distancing, stopped using public water fountains, and stopped serving food at programs and following services.

If you have specific questions about protocols, please contact our COVID-19 Task Force.

Is Barnert Serving Food or Having Onegs?

At the moment, no. For now, given the risk of transmission associated with eating/drinking together, even when outside, we are not serving food or drinks at our in-person events.

What if I Need to Stop by Barnert?

We ask that you not just “drop in.” If you need to come to the building, you should contact our office at (201) 848-1800 AND complete the <https://www.barnerttemple.org/covidscreening> to make sure you are cleared **before** coming to the building.

Planning Onsite/In-Person Programs

If you are a lay leader at Barnert Temple, note that all in-person programming must be approved by the COVID-19 Task Force. Please submit your plans to the CTF chair so the plans can be reviewed at the weekly CTF meeting, held each Monday.