



Guidance for Congregants Attending Services in the Sanctuary

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue is now providing services streamed live from the Sanctuary as well as allowing a small number of members of the congregation or specially invited guests to attend the services in person. Our first priority is to keep everyone safe and to minimise risk. We are following the Government guidance, enforcing all of the instructions that has provided. These guidelines are subject to change and we will advise you accordingly.

The weekly service times are: Erev Shabbat (Friday): 6.45 pm and Shabbat (Saturday): 11.00 am.

Online Access

Services online are open to all and may be via The Liberal Jewish Synagogue YouTube channel which can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/LJSyoutube>. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive timely reminders of services. If you need any assistance, please email ljs@ljs.org.

Attending in person

The building may look the same as before, but the onset of COVID-19 means that we must, set down special guidance which must be followed by all who attend the synagogue for the foreseeable future. While some individuals may feel more relaxed about entering public spaces or private homes, we ask you, please, to adhere to these rules while you are on the premises of the LJS.

Please do not come to the synagogue if you have any symptoms or are unwell. If there are frail elderly guests or members who are thinking of attending, we encourage you to **seek medical advice** before you come to the synagogue.

When you arrive at the LJS you will find there is a one-way system into the synagogue and leaving the synagogue and you will need to adhere to the social distancing markers outside the building.

- Please adhere to all signs and directions from LJS volunteer members.
- You will need to wear a mask at all times while you are in the building, when you come in, as you leave and while you are in the Sanctuary.
- Upon entering and leaving the building you should use the hand sanitiser provided.
- The LJS has now registered with the NHS Covid-19 app and we have a QR code you can scan upon arrival to update your own application.
- A volunteer will ask you to confirm that you do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, do not live with or come into contact with anyone who has Covid-like symptoms, and whether you have received an alert as part of the NHS Test and Trace system. It is important that we confirm this information with you.

- Please do not move any of the notices that are placed on the seats.
- There can be no waiting in the foyer area or use of the foyer seating.
- There are **three toilets on the ground floor**, one for women, one for men and one with disabled facilities.
 - If you need to use the toilet during services, you will be guided by a strict one-way system to leave and return to the Sanctuary.
 - Ensure that you maintain a safe distance from others and wear your face covering.
 - Sanitise your hands on entering and on leaving the toilet.
- You must keep your outer clothing with you at all times (please use adjacent seats); the cloakrooms cannot be used.
- Please do not bring any bags larger than a handbag; we have no place to store these and they may not be taken into the building.
- You should consider the effect on others should you wish to hug, kiss or otherwise socialise with those around you.
- There is no restriction on singing or responsive reading; however, for the time being you should continue to wear a face covering to reduce the spread of virus through aerosol.
- There will be no prayer books. Please **bring your own Siddur**. All prayers will be projected on to the wall to the side of the Ark so it will be possible to follow everything that is happening.
- Please **only use the ground floor**, the first floor is closed at all times.
- At the end of the service, participants must remain in their seats and leave the building in accordance with advice from our shammashim. Departures will be staggered to maintain social distancing. There must be no gathering in the foyer.
- In accordance with our security precautions there is no congregating or socialising on the forecourt and we ask that people disperse quickly from the area.

We thank you for respecting these instructions and for your co-operation in these challenging times.