

Minyan Capacity and Required Advance Sign Up

At this time, capacity at both indoor and outdoor minyanim will continue to be capped and advance sign up will be required (no exceptions). Consistent with our gradual approach to reopening, the caps will initially be well below the limits permitted by law, but we anticipate increasing capacity over time based on demand and changes in regulations as conditions permit.

When sign up links are distributed, there will continue to be a designated priority sign up window for those saying kaddish and other chiyuvim. We ask that anyone who is not saying kaddish does not attempt to sign up during this priority window.

Advance sign up remains extremely important to limit capacity to the appropriate numbers and, if necessary, to provide a means for contact tracing. Therefore, attendance will not be permitted at a minyan that you have not signed up for and if you sign up for a minyan it is important to actually attend the specific minyan you registered for. All members aged 11 and older are eligible to sign-up for minyanim.

Who May Not Attend Minyan and Who Should Consult with Their Physician

Individuals with COVID-19, Exposure or Symptoms: If, in the past 14 days, you have tested positive for COVID-19, have had exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or have any symptoms of COVID-19 you may not sign up for or attend any minyanim. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and/or loss of taste or smell. If you have questions regarding symptoms or exposure, please consult with your physician. In addition, individuals that have traveled to any of the New York State quarantine list of states (https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory?gelid=Cj0KCQjw6575BRCQARIsAMp-ksPJZAwg_0RyjW-9rbM-fkqXTiDK0mBmMkMAn4UDfXp0qg9riIMgTDkaAgj5EALw_wcB) must quarantine for 14 consecutive days prior to services taking place.

Individuals over Age 65 or With Underlying Medical Conditions: At this time, individuals above age 65 or those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to consult with a physician to determine whether or not it would be appropriate for them to attend a communal minyan. Medical conditions that may fall into this category include lung or heart disease, kidney or liver disease, hypertension, diabetes or an immunocompromised condition. In addition, if you live with another person with any of these conditions you are similarly encouraged to consult with a physician regarding these matters.

In addition, regardless of age, physical condition or other circumstances, no congregant should feel compelled or under any obligation (halachic or otherwise) to attend minyanim because they are again being made available. Based on the guidance of our Rabbis, if you feel uncomfortable attending a public minyan for any reason, it is preferable to daven at your own home.

Safety Protocols

The safety protocols as outlined in the original shul policies remain in effect. These policies are restated below and several have been updated to take into account the beginning of indoor minyanim:

- **Taking Your Temperature and Feeling Well:** We ask that all attendees take their temperature at home prior to attending minyan to ensure they do not have a fever. In addition, if you are not feeling well, you should not attend minyan.
- **Wearing Masks:** Minyan attendees must wear a mask at all times in the shul building and while in the davening area of the parking lot. This applies to all attendees even the Chazzan while davening and Baal Koreh while laining. This also applies regardless of temperature or other weather conditions. The mask must cover your nose and mouth at all times.
- **Doors:** The front doors to the shul and the doors to the Main Sanctuary will be left open to allow to entry and exit without the touching of the doors or door handles.
- **Social Distancing:** Minyan attendees must continue to sit or stand at least 8 feet apart at all times. This applies even to members of the same family. Within the main sanctuary, distance between seats will be measured and those seats available for seating will be marked. At the outdoor minyanim, attendees should continue to sit in the seats as they have been arranged by the shul. We ask that there is no congregating or loitering before or after minyanim. There should also be no shaking of hands, sharing of food or drinks or kiddushes.
- **Siddurim and Chumashim:** Minyan attendees must continue to bring their own siddur and/or chumash to minyan. The shul will not be providing communal siddurim or chumashim at this time and the communal siddurim and chumashim will be taped off. On Shabbat, the shul will provide printed copies of the Parashat HaShavua at each available seat.
- **Sanitizing Between Minyanim:** Shul staff will be on site to clean chairs and/or other surfaces between minyanim.
- **Bathroom Use:** The downstairs Shul bathrooms will be available for use and will be sanitized on a frequent basis by our maintenance staff. The exterior doors of the bathrooms will be left open to minimize communal touch points. Bathroom use should be limited to one at a time.

- **Contact Tracing:** If after attending a minyan you test positive for COVID-19, become aware that you had exposure to someone with COVID-19 or develop symptoms of COVID-19, it is important that you contact the shul office so that appropriate notifications and/or quarantine procedures can be implemented.

Davening Procedures

Minyan content and procedures as outlined in the original shul policies remain in effect. The shul anticipates reevaluating these procedures in the near term as conditions permit.

We thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

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