

KEMP MILL SYNAGOGUE COVID-19 SMACHOT GUIDELINES

November 1, 2020

The rules and guidelines are intended to protect the health and safety of our community and comply with CDC, Maryland and Montgomery County laws, regulations and guidelines while providing some ability to celebrate milestones in our members' lives.

The situation is dynamic and as a result these rules will be periodically reviewed and revised as circumstances change and we learn from our experiences. We all hope and pray that these rules and guidelines can be rapidly liberalize and eliminated in the near future.

- I. Location and Size – Shabbat Morning
 - a. 7:00 am and 9:00 am outdoor minyanim – Family may reserve up to 10 family unit seats before registration is open to all members. Must submit names 2 weeks prior to simcha.
 - b. 9:00 am indoor sanctuary minyan – Family may reserve up to 6 family unit seats before registration is open to all members. Must submit names 2 weeks prior to simcha.
 - c. 8 am private minyan in social hall – 40 total family units or 80 people, whichever is less. Arrangements must be approved by Rabbi Weinberg. Must be done by 9:15 am.
- II. Location and Size – Weekday or Sunday or Federal Holiday or Shabbat Mincha
 - a. Same as above – 10 reserved family units at KMS outdoor minyan or 6 family units at KMS indoor minyan or the option to hold your own minyan in the social hall (time to be determined) or on weekdays at 8:15 in the tent.
- III. General Policies
 - a. All participants must where mask, including baal koreh and baal tefilah.
 - b. No divrei torah or speeches except at a private minyan.
 - c. No candy thrown and no food or beverages served on KMS campus.
 - d. Torah reading may be split between two leiners maximum. Only person(s) leining gets an Aliyah. Anyone at the torah must clean hands with Purell before and after touching the torah or wear disposable gloves.
 - e. All attendees must be pre-registered and general KMS health guidelines set forth on the sign-up program apply.
 - f. Covid-19 positive congregant cannot attend a KMS minyan until at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms and 3 days of being fever free. If asymptomatic would need a negative test result to be cleared to return.
 - g. Anyone in direct contact with a Covid-19 positive patient or living under the same roof as the patient must not attend a KMS minyan for 14 days after last contact with patient.
 - h. Family unit is a maximum of 2 people residing in the same household. For example, father and son, mother and daughter, 2 brothers or sisters. Does not include relatives residing in house for simcha or on a short-term basis.
 - i. Except for immediate family members of the individual whose Simcha it is (bar/bat mitzvah boy/girl, chattan or kallah, etc.) no children below 3rd grade unless having a private minyan.
 - j. At KMS Minyanim, only non-KMS people allowed are grandparents and children.