

# Kesher Israel COVID Protocols

Effective March 15, 2021

1. All attendees will continue to be required to (a) sign a one-time waiver, and (b) register for individual minyanim or events through our existing online process. Registration will continue to confirm that you:
  - a. **Are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms,**
  - b. **Have not tested positive for COVID-19,**
  - c. **Have not been exposed to someone who is known to have COVID-19, and**
  - d. **Are fully compliant with current [DC travel guidance](#)**
2. **Fully vaccinated individuals are encouraged to attend minyan if comfortable.** Registration will still be required, but per updated CDC and DC Health guidance, no waiting period is required following travel or exposure to asymptomatic individuals.
3. **Visitors and individuals who have traveled** must adhere to DC Health's [guidance for those traveling or returning to DC](#) before attending indoor minyanim. *Outdoor minyan and events will continue to be open to those who have traveled.*
4. Based on CDC guidance, **anyone at higher risk due to age or underlying health conditions is welcome to attend**, but all are encouraged to assess their personal medical risk prior to doing so. **Children age 6+ are also welcome to attend**, but are expected to abide by all protocols and remain next to their parent or guardian.
5. **Only those pre-registered will be permitted to enter.** We will continue to check registration lists at the door to enable contact tracing should it become necessary.
6. **Hand sanitizer use is mandatory upon entering the building.** Sanitizing wipes will be available and attendees are encouraged to wipe down their immediate area before and after minyan. Attendees must continue to **bring their own siddur, tefillin, tallit, and chumash when applicable.** All available **windows must be fully open** for the duration of minyan. High-touch surfaces (e.g. door knobs, railings, etc.) will continue to be **professionally cleaned daily.**
7. **Non-vented face coverings are mandatory at all times over both the nose and mouth.** Face shields or masks with valves will not be sufficient for entry. Please see [CDC recommendations on improving mask effectiveness.](#)
8. **Available seating with 6 feet of social distance will continue to be marked in the sanctuary**, and attendees should not adjust the tape. You may temporarily move the tape to allow an accompanying household member to sit immediately next to an already open seat. If the tape is moved, please return it to how you found it.
9. All attendees must continue to **remain at least 6 feet from non-household members at all times while in the building**, and have no physical contact with others, or the Torah. We will continue to adjust the flow of davening as necessary to minimize exposure (e.g. limited singing, *Ba'al Koreh* takes all *Aliyot*, starting at *Yishtabach*, etc.)
10. Upon the conclusion of minyan, we ask that people **refrain from congregating or socializing and exit the building promptly.** Given risk of viral transmission when face coverings are removed, **no food or drink will be served or may be consumed** inside the building.

**For the benefit of our shared community, those attending minyan and events are encouraged to adhere to [CDC Recommendations for Daily Activities and Going Out](#), including transportation, going into an office, gatherings, and all aspects of our daily lives.**

Feel free to contact [coronavirus@kesher.org](mailto:coronavirus@kesher.org) with any questions.

***Thank you for your cooperation!***