

DOS COVID RULES FOR ALL MINYANIM

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1. Priority for attendance will be assigned to DOS members and family members residing in Florida. We will allow non-members if space is available, as long as they agree to follow all of our COVID rules.
2. Anyone who has travelled interstate may attend minyanim only if they provide a vaccine card that shows evidence of completing the full vaccine regimen based on the particular manufacturer of the vaccine.
3. If a vaccine card cannot be provided, any member who has traveled interstate must observe a 14-day waiting period before returning to services. This period may be reduced if the person takes and passes a COVID test. The test must not be taken sooner than 3 – 5 days after returning. If the test results are negative, the person may return to the synagogue 7 days after returning to Florida. If the person tests are positive, the person may not return to the synagogue until they take two tests 3 days apart, that have negative results. This rule is to protect the vast majority of our members who are over 65, and are at greater risk of serious complications if they should become infected. While we recognize that the vast majority of our members are vaccinated, we also recognize that the vaccines do not make everyone immune, and it is our duty to protect the most vulnerable.
4. No aide will be allowed to remain inside the Synagogue during events or services.
5. Children will be allowed to attend services and must remain in their seats accompanied by their parent. All non-infants will be required to wear a mask.
6. Any person with a cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat or other COVID type symptom, should not come to shul. If you do, you will be turned away at the door. There will be no exceptions.
7. If, G-d forbid, you test positive for COVID within 14 days of attending a service, you must notify Rabbi Saunders and/or Dorri Goldman, President, Yussi Bick, Vice President, or David Lazar, Chairman of the Minyan Expansion Committee as soon as possible.
8. Masks must be worn covering your nose and mouth before opening the door to enter DOS. Masks must remain in place over your nose and mouth at all times while in the Shul.
9. Attendees must sanitize their hands as they enter and before they depart the Shul.
10. Attendees must bring their own Kippah, Tallis and Tefillin. Davening without a Tallis will be permitted. There will be no Tallis or Tefillin available for temporary use in shul.

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10. Rules for the leading services and Aleyot:
 - A. To minimize risk in the area of the Bimah, social distancing shall be maintained, and touching the Bimah Torah and Aron Kodesh shall be minimized.
 - B. The person who reads from the Torah will remove and return the Torah to the Aron Kodesh, and perform Hagbah and Gelilah.
 - C. Those called up to the Torah for an Aliya may not kiss the Torah and should stand in the designated floor spot, properly distanced behind and to the right of the Torah reader.
 - D. There will be no Torah procession and the Torah reader will be the only person permitted to touch the Sefer Torah.
11. Attendees must maintain social distance at all times. Do not walk over to a fellow attendee at any time before, during or after minyan. Maintain the 6 Ft. separation at all times while in shul.
12. Do not kiss the mezuzot upon entering or leaving the Shul.
13. Please consult your physician to make sure they feel it is prudent and advisable for you to attend. Your health and safety are paramount.