

Frequently Asked Questions:

Are we still practicing social distancing?

We are. We continue to follow CDC guidelines (6 ft for both indoor and outdoor events)

Are masks still required? 🤔

Yes, masks are still required.

Is water available? 🚰

Yes, for your comfort and safety we are using bottled water in lieu of the water fountains.

Can we sing? 🎵🎵

Yes, we are a musical congregation and continue to enjoy singing albeit with our masks on.

Are waivers still required?

Yes, but a new waiver is not needed for every event. The waivers most of you provided at the outset of the pandemic remain on file. They are simply your acknowledgement that you understand the protocols and that we have made no guarantees.

Is it safe to come to CBS now?

As we said, there are no guarantees -- but we have taken numerous measures to minimize transmission, in accordance with public health guidelines.

Is seating still assigned?

No. We are able to once again choose our seats. Every other row and some seats will be cordoned off to assure social distancing between household groups. Those requiring special accommodations should alert the office by Thursday if possible.

Are siddurim available? 📖

Yes, prayer books are once again located in the pews.

Is there a kiddush lunch?

Right now, kiddush is being provided in a to go bag for those who have signed up in advance.

Is registration still required?

For services, no. You can wake up on Shabbat and join us! (We do ask that you provide advance notice if you want a "Kiddush to Go.") Some events may still require

registration, in particular those with capacity limits and those that require food preparation.

Do we still need appointments to come to the office.?

No longer!! We do suggest you give a call so whomever you're planning to see is expecting you.

I am fully vaccinated. Why do I have to wear a mask at CBS?

The latest CDC guidelines give recommendations for both indoor and outdoor activities. Even for people who are fully vaccinated, a mask is recommended for all indoor activities that involve contact with others.

OK. Then what about outdoor activities?

Our protocols are designed to protect everyone – both those who are vaccinated and those who are not.

The CDC does say it is OK for a fully vaccinated person to participate in some outdoor activities without wearing a mask, including small outdoor gatherings with a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Under the CDC guidelines, an unvaccinated person attending the same event should wear a mask.

We don't inquire about our members' vaccination status. We must assume that, in any gathering, some people are vaccinated and some are not. We therefore ask that everyone wear a mask to these events until the CDC issues further guidance.