

THE ROAD TO RE - OPENING



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A Guide to Resuming Activities at CBS in the Wake of COVID-19

Part 2: General Protocols

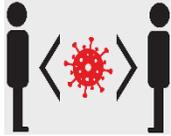
Purpose



This portion of our Road to Re-Opening guide sets out general considerations applicable to all of our activities at CBS.

As we begin to open to specific activities, we will publish additional protocols related to those activities.

Social Distancing



All those within the synagogue building must follow social distancing best practices while at the facility, including but not limited to: the sanctuary, lobby, restrooms, outdoor areas, workstations, common areas, and office spaces.

Specifically, we ask everyone to:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others whether praying, walking, working, or otherwise engaged. Where a minimum distance cannot be maintained, other space management techniques, such as physical barriers, will be in place.
- Avoid conversations and tasks that require close face-to-face contact with others when possible.
- Avoid contact with others whenever possible (e.g., handshakes, hugs).
- Avoid touching surfaces that may have been touched by others when possible.
- Distance yourself from anyone who appears to be sick.
- Avoid gathering when entering and exiting the facility. Everyone should also only enter and exit designated areas.
- Follow any posted signage regarding COVID-19 social distancing practices.
- Use wipes to disinfect any surfaces touched, if possible.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid nonessential gatherings.
- Avoid using common areas. Where this is not possible, limit the number of individuals in common areas at the same time.

We may modify our social distancing guidelines after the building re-opens. Please monitor your email and posted signs, and adhere to any additional guidance as it is provided.

Masks/Facial Covering



All those within the building are required to bring masks and wear them. People who are not wearing masks will be required to leave. The only exceptions to this policy are:

1. Those clergy leading prayer are not required to wear masks. They are asked to put on masks upon the conclusion of their prayer-leading.
2. Employees in their individual offices alone, with the doors closed or no more than slightly ajar.
3. Children less than 2 years old.

Anyone who is unable or unwilling to wear a mask is asked to refrain from entering any of the buildings. Congregants, employees and visitors will be asked to provide their own face coverings in accordance with CDC guidelines. We will maintain a small inventory of disposable masks and gloves as a backup to congregant- and employee-provided personal protective equipment, but we cannot guarantee that we will always have masks and gloves available.

Gloves



Gloves will be used by those cleaning synagogue facilities, and they have been instructed in the proper method of removing them after use. Also, anyone distributing items to others should wear gloves. Gloves are not required for other reasons.

Compliance



It is essential to everyone's health that the above procedures be followed consistently while in the building. Our security team, staff, and volunteers will monitor compliance and politely remind anyone who fails to comply. They will monitor key locations while the building is open for events and services. For example, entry/exit corridors, wearing of masks, seating, and safe use of bathrooms will be monitored by volunteers.

Repeated non-compliance with the protocols will result in removal from the building. We will do everything we can to avoid such a removal, but *pikuach nefesh* needs to take priority over anyone's personal preferences.

Health and Safety Protocols



The success of our *Road to Re-Opening* action plan relies on how well everyone follows social distancing and health and safety protocols. As such, the following protocols have been implemented to ensure your health and safety. Please bring any concerns regarding the following protocols to the CBS Re-Entry Task Force.

General Health and Hygiene

Practicing good hygiene is essential to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please do your part by practicing good hygiene at work and at home:

- Regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds throughout the day with warm water and soap, specifically before eating.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

To help everyone to remain healthy, we have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available throughout the building. We have limited amounts of these supplies and will continue to restock as we are able. It is suggested that you wash your hands more frequently than normal. Additionally, we have instructed the staff to disinfect key areas such as faucets and door handles on a regular basis.

Employees should take the time to comply with the hand washing guidelines above throughout the day. We encourage our employees and members to follow these guidelines not only at CBS, but throughout their daily lives. This will help prevent transmission of the coronavirus.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocol

Common areas and other frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. CDC-approved sanitizing chemicals and procedures will be used. The frequency of this cleaning may change depending on the situation.

A checklist of items to be cleaned and sanitized, and the frequency at which this is to be done, will be maintained by the Facility Manager.

Drinking Fountains

Drinking fountains will be turned off. Members and staff are encouraged to bring their own bottled water.

Mezuzah

Kissing or physically touching the mezuzot on and within the building is not allowed. A symbolic gesture in that direction is recommended instead.

HVAC

We are exploring how to increase the filtration in our building's ventilation system, consistent with engineering requirements.

COVID-19 Exposure and Confirmed Illness Protocol

Members, guests, and employees who test positive for COVID-19 or believe they have been exposed should follow the advice of a qualified medical professional and self-quarantine. When self-quarantining, they should:

- Stay away from other people in their home as much as possible, staying in a separate room and using a separate bathroom if available.
- Not allow visitors.
- Wear a face mask for essential medical visits.
- Not share household items, including drinking cups, eating utensils, towels and bedding.
- Clean high-touch surfaces daily.
- Continue monitoring their symptoms, calling their health care provider if their condition worsens.
- Follow the CDC recommendations for self-isolation and discontinuation of isolation.

When anyone who has been in the building tests positive for COVID-19, deep-cleaning procedures will be triggered. Furthermore, those who have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be asked to self-quarantine.

If You Are Sick, Stay Home

Anyone who is feeling sick is asked to stay home from synagogue. If you have symptoms of acute respiratory illness, you should immediately seek medical attention and follow the guidance of a health care provider.

Reporting Transparency

Any person who was in the building and subsequently experiences COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 is asked to notify the CBS office as soon as practicable. We will inform those who may have been exposed, and will not release your name without your consent, except as may be required by law. This information will be tracked separately from personnel records, and names will not be released. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the building, we will notify the public health department, impacted members, guests, and employees promptly. We may close the building for a period up to 72 hours following a confirmed case to allow for natural deactivation of the virus.

Signage

We will display signage in public areas to help communicate the safe procedures described here, including:

1. Requirements for social distancing and wearing of masks
2. Requirement that anyone feeling the least bit ill turn around and go home
3. Traffic patterns to maintain an appropriate between people
4. Seating allowed in the sanctuary
5. Safe use of the restrooms
6. Reminders about personal hygiene

Updates



We'll supplement this guide as we proceed on our Road to Re-Opening. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at ReEntryTaskForce@cbsclearwater.org.