

# THE ROAD TO RE - OPENING



CONGREGATION  
BETH SHALOM

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

*Part 4: Shabbat*



## **Purpose**

In this portion of our Road to Reopening Guide, we set out the guidelines regarding attendance and the conduct of services in the sanctuary on Shabbat (both Friday evening and Saturday morning). In addition to the policies stated here, all of the protocols set out in Part 2 will apply on Shabbat.



## **Registration**

All those entering the building will be required to pre-register and pass through security. Registration procedures are described below.



## **Waiver**

All adult attendees must have a signed Acknowledgement and Waiver form on file with the CBS office. One signed form will cover all CBS activities.



## **Arrival**

• CBS has adopted safety protocols that apply to everyone who enters the CBS premises. These protocols are intended to protect you from others who may be ill, and to protect others from you in the event you are ill.

- Masks are required at all times. Please put on your mask when you leave your car and leave it on until you reenter your car after services. If you are unable to wear a mask, you should stay home.
- While in line for security clearance, maintain social distancing as indicated by the signage.
- In order to avoid close contact, all foot traffic will proceed in only one direction. Again, signs will direct you.



## **Attendee Screening**

All persons wishing to attend services must pass through screening by the CBS security team. However, the first and most important screening procedure is conducted by anyone contemplating entering the building before they leave home. **If you are ill in any way, we urge**

**you to stay home** and participate in our activities through virtual means. This especially includes anyone with fever, achiness, cough, or other upper respiratory symptoms.

Similarly, you should stay home if you have recently been in close contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 10 days, or if you have traveled by airplane within the previous 10 days.

Anyone appearing visibly ill will be asked to leave discreetly and immediately. Screening will be implemented on a nondiscriminatory basis, and all information gleaned will be treated as confidential medical information—specifically, the identity of anyone exhibiting a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms will only be shared with members of synagogue leadership or staff with a true need to know.

People yet to be screened will line up outside the building on markers (placed on the ground) 6 feet apart. You must wear a mask while you are in this line.



## **Entry/Exit**

We will focus on maintaining a safe, socially-distanced environment from arrival until departure. Members will follow the signs and enter the building through the chapel door. After screening is complete, a member of the Security team will open the door and then step out of the way of entering members, to minimize the number of people who touch the door. Pathways will be designated for safe passage through the Lobby to the sanctuary doors, which will be marked “enter only” and left open. The members will proceed to their assigned seats through the designated aisle. When they leave, members will proceed to the center aisle and back through the door to the social hall.

The coat rack will be unavailable until further notice. To minimize opportunities for spread of the virus, the water fountain will be unavailable. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own bottled water.



## **Safe Ritual Procedures**

### ***Limited Attendance***

Attendance at services will be capped at a predefined number, starting at 16 attendees and increasing as our procedures mature and it is perceived by the Re-Entry Task Force and synagogue leadership that it can be safely managed. Attendance will be controlled by requiring advance registration as stated above.

### ***Masks***

Masks must be worn at all times, including while praying or reciting Aliyot.

### ***Singing***

To help prevent airborne spread of the virus, no singing or loud praying is allowed.

### ***Seating***

- *Those attending will be assigned to specific seats in order to control for social distancing requirements.*
- Family units living in the same house will be seated together, all others must be distanced at all times.
- Allowable seats will be marked with colored tape.

### ***Kippot & Tallitot***

Attendees arriving without a kippah will be handed one. This kippah should not be returned. Attendees arriving without a tallit may borrow one. It should be left in the designated place upon departure. CBS staff will provide appropriate sanitization before it is reused.

### ***Aliyot***

Standing microphones will be placed at the front of the reader's table. Aliyot and English readings will be conducted from those microphones, so as to maintain distance from the clergy on the bimah. Nobody except clergy will be allowed on the bimah. Those honored with an Aliyah or English reading are asked to bring their siddur with them, if needed.

### ***Clergy on the Bimah***

No one will ascend to the bima except the rabbis and their immediate family. In general, they will use their own wireless microphones. In order to maintain social distancing, shtenders will not be used. Only the reader will touch the Torah. The Processional/recessional around the congregation will be suspended until further notice.

### ***Children***

In the initial phases, it is strongly encouraged that children under 13 do not attend services or programs in the building. Children who do attend must remain in the company of their parents. When circumstances permit, we will plan safe, probably outdoor, activities and services for our children.

## **Restroom Usage**



Those entering or leaving the restrooms should not touch the doors with their hands; rather, they should push the door with their elbow when entering and use a paper towel to open the door when exiting. Alternating stalls, urinals, and sinks will be marked as off-limits. Members will be asked (via signage and other communications) to wash their hands before using the restrooms and after using the restrooms. Hand sanitizer will also be made available immediately outside of the restrooms. Disinfecting wipes will also be available to wipe down toilet seats and faucets if desired. Only the clergy should use the restroom behind the bimah. When possible, restroom use will be limited to one occupant at a time. Greeters, security staff, and others in the Lobby will keep watch to prevent overcrowding.



### **Social Distancing**

### **Personal Interactions**

Attendees should maintain social distancing of six feet or more at all times. Although we are all anxious to see our friends, please refrain from kissing, hugging and handshakes.

Attendees are asked to depart immediately after the service. Those who choose to visit in the parking lot are reminded that they must continue to wear their masks and stay at least six feet apart.

### **Registration Procedures**



Because attendance will be limited for each service, pre-registration will be required. Event information will always be posted on the CBS website as well as included in the Week at a Glance email. The CBS website ([cbsclearwater.org](http://cbsclearwater.org)) will host registration options on-line for both indoor and outdoor CBS gatherings. Members can register themselves, or contact the office for assistance.

Members who want to register to attend a service should:

- 1) Read the CBS Attendance Policy.
- 2) Sign and return the Acknowledgement and Waiver. A separate form is required for each adult.
- 3) Find the event link on [cbsclearwater.org](http://cbsclearwater.org) and submit their registration.

Registration will open each Sunday for the following Shabbat.

Initially, up to 16 individuals may register. We will increase this number as we work the kinks out of our processes.

Registration is generally first-come, first-served. However, priority will be given to those who notify the office in advance of a *yahrzeit* or significant *simcha*.

Successful registrants will be notified by email by Thursday of that week.

### **Updates**

Part 4 of the guide was published October 1, 2020. We'll supplement it 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](mailto:ReEntryTaskForce@cbsclearwater.org).

