

# 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.



## **Waiver**

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

### 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.



## **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 waiting for security clearance, maintain social distancing as indicated by the signage.



## **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 such as Zoom or Livestream. 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.



## **Entry/Exit**

We focus on maintaining a safe, socially-distanced environment from arrival until departure. Members will follow any signage and enter the building through the designated door.

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 which will allow for recommended social distancing. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

### ***Masks***

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

### ***Singing***

To help prevent airborne spread of the virus, attendees should sing or pray quietly.

### ***Seating***

- Allowable seats will be marked with colored tape.
- Family units living in the same house may sit together; all others must be distanced at all times.

### ***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 are 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. Those honored with an Aliyah or English reading are asked to bring their Siddur with them, if needed.

### ***On the Bimah***

- Plexiglas dividers have been installed at both lecterns to prevent the spread of aerosol droplets.
- Only the reader will touch the Torah.  
During the Processional/recessional around the congregation, please remain at your seat. You may honor the Torah by raising your tallit or pointing your little finger.

### ***Children***

Children who attend should remain in the company of their parents.



## **Restroom Usage**

To allow for social distancing, members should not congregate in the restrooms. .

### **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.

### **Updates**

This version of Part 4 was issued on April 28, 2021. 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).

