

THE ROAD TO RE - OPENING



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

Part 5: Alternative Services and Outdoor events

Purpose



In this portion of our Road to Reopening Guide, we discuss the protocols regarding services and other in-person CBS events *other than Shabbat services held in the sanctuary*. In addition to the policies stated here, all of the protocols set out in Part 2 will apply to these activities.

Registration

While pre-registration is no longer required for attendance at most services, it may be required for some activities, such as those with limited attendance or those where food must be ordered or prepared in advance. All adults and children participating in those activities will be required to pre-register and follow any security procedures specified for the event.

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. Special waivers may be required for certain activities.

Members who want to attend a service or event 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.
- While waiting for security clearance, maintain social distancing as indicated by the signage.
- In order to avoid close contact, foot traffic may be directed to proceed in only one direction. Again, signs will direct you.



Attendee Screening

Services held in the parking lot or other outdoor venues will not require the usual security screening, though special procedures may be established for particular events. 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.

Safe Ritual Procedures

Attendance Limitations

Attendance at these events may be limited by the Re-Entry Task Force for safety or security reasons.

Masks

Masks must be worn at all times, including while praying. Masks may be removed while eating or drinking.

Singing

Singing is allowed at outdoor services and events with six foot social distancing.

Children

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

Building Access

The building will be unavailable except for those needing to use the restrooms.

To minimize opportunities for spread of the virus, the water fountain will be unavailable. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own bottled water.

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 or event. 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 may be limited for some activities, pre-registration may be required. Event information will always be posted on the CBS website as well as included in the Week at a Glance email. Members can register themselves, or contact the office for assistance.

Registration will open and close as announced for each activity.

When attendance is limited, registration will generally be first-come, first-served.

Life Cycle Events

Until further notice, funerals and shiva minyans will be conducted via Zoom. Other life-cycle events will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and will be based on several safety factors. For additional information, please consult the CBS office.

Updates

This version of Part 5 was issued 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.