

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT YICBH COVID-19 POLICIES

Q. What is required to daven at the Young Israel of Bal Harbour?

A. Three things are temporarily required:

1. Completing a brief online registration, one time ([link to registration form](#))
2. Submitting a signed liability waiver, digitally or on paper ([link to waiver](#))
3. Monitoring your health status on a daily basis

Q. Who is allowed to register?

A. Unfortunately, registration is limited to only YICBH members at this time.

Q. Can I come to shul immediately after registering?

A. No. You may be turned away at the door. Please wait to be contacted before attending your first minyan.

Q. How long after I register should I expect to wait?

A. The registration list for minyanim is updated approximately every 48 hours. In order to be on the list for Shabbat, submit your registration by Wednesday.

Q. Can members over the age of 65 or with a serious medical condition register?

A1. Yes, but they are advised to stay at home.

A2. Members who are **both** over age 65 and with a serious medical condition are **strongly encouraged** to stay at home.

A3. Members who are both under 65 and without a serious medical condition may want to consider resuming regular shul attendance.

Q. Do I need to wear a mask?

A. Yes. Please make sure it covers both your mouth and nose.

Q. Can I sit in my usual seat?

A. Probably not. With proper distancing, the 223 downstairs seats can only accommodate 25-30 people, so at least 198 people will be disappointed. Also, some people may be assigned to daven in the Social Hall instead of the Main Sanctuary. Thank you for understanding.

Q. I don't feel well but I'm pretty sure I don't have COVID-19. Should I still come to minyan?

A. No. Wait until you feel better.

Q. Can I walk around shul like I might have before Corona?

A. No. To minimize the areas staff has to regularly disinfect, upstairs access is restricted to the womens' balcony. Also, an important part of social distancing is to stay in your space and not intrude in someone else's space.

Q. Can I shmooze with my friend in shul?

A. Talking **briefly** on shul property before and after davening is permissible as long as both parties are a **minimum** of 6 feet apart and both are wearing their masks properly.

Q. How long is davening?

A. On Shabbat morning davening is approximately an hour and a half.

Q. What is on the menu for kiddush this week?

A. Unfortunately we are not yet ready for communal cholent.

Q. Does anything change if I already recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies?

A. No. Exceptions to any YICBH COVID policies will only be made by the Board in case of both significant communal need and insignificant health risk.

Q. Can my children come to shul?

A. If they are Bar or Bat Mitzvah, definitely. Our capacity is still too limited to allow for young children, and we are not ready to resume Youth Groups.

Q. I don't agree with a particular restriction. When will the policy be more strict / more lenient?

A. Our policy decisions are not based on hype or politics. They are evidence-based, and are continually evaluated for improvement. Everyone is trying their best and we appreciate your patience.