

February 21, 2023

Dear CSAIR Community,

As the state and federal governments relax COVID mandates, we want you to know what we are doing so that all congregants remain comfortable praying, celebrating, and learning in our building.

**What is not changing:**

- We continue to prioritize the values of looking out for our community's health and safety and ensuring that there is a place within our walls where everyone feels comfortable.
- We will continue our policy of masks being optional but strongly recommended for all of our indoor activities regardless of location.
- We will continue to maintain masks requiring separate seating areas for those who want to sit with masked ones and maintain a greater distance from others.
- The doors to the sukkah porch will remain open during Shabbat and Yom Tov services to maintain the maximum air circulation in the sanctuary, weather conditions permitting.

**Changes to our communal COVID guidelines effective March 11:**

- During morning and evening minyanim and certain life cycle events, where attendance is smaller, the sukkah porch doors may be closed.
- On Shabbat morning, the sanctuary partition doors to the social hall will be closed to create a more intimate feeling in the sanctuary.
- We will hold certain services in the Baum Library (e.g., Friday night davening), as the Kivinu minyan currently does, a few times each month. These changes will be announced in the weekly emails. The HVAC system will be "on" any time an activity occurs in the library to enhance airflow and turnover.

These decisions have been approved by the Medical Committee, which has served us so well over the past 36 months. The committee will continue to monitor the prevalence of COVID in our community and recommend necessary modifications.

We know every change in COVID protocols is a cause for joy for some and anxiety for others. We are happy to talk with you about these changes. Please be sensitive to others as we navigate this transition.

We are looking forward to seeing you in shul!

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