

CSAIR Minyan Procedures for Congregants

If you want to attend a service in the parking lot at CSAIR, here is what you can expect, what you should bring and how you should act.

First--and most important--we want everyone who comes to shul to take precautions to ensure that they are safe and do not inadvertently spread the virus or become infected.

If you are in a medically high-risk category (i.e. are immune-compromised or have a chronic condition such as heart, lung or kidney disease) we strongly recommend that you do not attend. If you are 60 years old or older, you are considered to be at higher risk for complications of a Covid-19 infection, and it is essential that you consider the risks before attending a minyan. We recommend that you check with your doctor before signing up. We will not enforce these recommendations, but we urge you to be cautious and use Zoom to participate if you are at all concerned.

You may not sign up to attend a minyan if:

- You have tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 14 days.
- You are living with someone who has tested positive within the past 14 days or have come in contact with someone who has tested positive within the past 14 days.
- You have been exposed to anyone with an illness of any kind, even if it is not COVID-19.

Before every service, review the checklist below and please stay home if you have ANY of the following:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pains
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Finally, please check your temperature. If it is 100.4° or higher, please stay home.

If any of the above conditions apply after you have signed up to attend a minyan, or if you are unable to attend for any other reason, please call or text the minyan coordinator as soon as possible so they know that you will not be attending and can find a replace to ensure that we have a minyan.

Remember: Only those who have registered and been accepted can attend. Please do not bring family members, friends or neighbors if they are not scheduled to attend with you. If you know someone who just wants to come on one day for a yahrzeit, please have them fill out the form.

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If you are well enough to attend, here's what to bring:

- A mask that fully covers your nose and mouth. **You must wear a mask at all times when you are on CSAIR property.**

- A bottle of hand sanitizer or a few disinfectant wipes for yourself.
- The shul has masks and hand sanitizer if you do not have them, but we would like to conserve our supplies as much as possible.
- Please bring your own siddur so we do not have to worry about disinfecting our siddurim. If you would like a copy of the service to put on your phone or tablet, let the minyan coordinator know.

If you are attending a morning minyan: Please bring your own tallit and/or tefillin. If your tallit and tefillin are in the Beit HaMidrash and you want to retrieve them, please line up on the ramp outside the 250th Street entrance to the shul at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. Keep 6 feet of separation between yourself and anyone else waiting online. Beginning 15 minutes before the service start time, one person at a time will be allowed to enter the building to retrieve their tallit and tefillin from a table just inside the lobby. Please do not touch anything other than your own tallit and tefillin bag. As soon as you have gotten your tallit and tefillin, leave the building and proceed to the parking lot for the service. You must take your tallit and tefillin home with you after the service.

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Here's what you need to know and do when you come

- Arrive at least five minutes before the service is scheduled to start.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others (except for members of your immediate household if they are also attending) at all times.
- Before you enter the area where the service will be held, please sanitize your hands.
- Take one of the seats that will be in marked areas to ensure 6 feet of separation. Please stay at your seat throughout the service.
- At the end of the service, if you have used a siddur belonging to the shul, please leave it on your chair and continue to keep at least 6 feet away from other congregants, and do not congregate or socialize outside the shul.
- And, please, as hard as it may be, no handshakes, fist bumps, high fives or, of course, hugs. We will have to show our joy of being together in other ways!

Be aware that advanced sign up is required so that if anyone subsequently becomes ill, we can report all attendees to the Department of Health for testing and follow-up.

If you test positive for Covid-19 within 10 days after you attend a minyan or have contact with anyone who has tested positive during that period, you must contact the synagogue at operations@csair.org immediately so we can notify those who attended the minyan with you.

Finally, the minyan coordinator will oversee that these procedures are followed. If he or she sees that they are not followed, even by one individual, the service will be cancelled or ended, and everyone will be told to leave the property.

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To sign up for a service please **check your email for link** and contact Cantor Stevens at cantor@csair.org to join our WhatsApp group to receive updates and confirmations regarding service.