

The following are the protocols developed by the task force to reopen the synagogue in a manner that keeps our members, visitors and staff safe from the COVID-19 virus. These protocols are based on the advice of our rabbis, medical experts and synagogue leadership. We will modify the guidelines as more information is available on the transmission of the virus and keep the congregation informed of any changes. These were also developed in keeping with our Jewish values:

Pikuach nefesh - saving a life. Our first priority and consideration should be preserving life.

Sakanat nefashot - endangering life. No one should be put in a position where they are endangering their own lives or the lives of others. This includes leaders.

Sha'at hadechak - an extraordinary moment. We may need to change from how we've done things in the past, temporarily.

Kol Yisrael areivim zeh bazeh - All Israel is responsible for each other. We need to think about each other's needs, and make sure we're being equitable and inclusive in our plans.

Chesed - kindness. We should act with love and patience and generosity to all through this difficult time.

PHASES OF BUILDING USE RESTRICTIONS

The synagogue leadership will keep our members apprised of which phase we are in. We have a team of medical experts that are evaluating the conditions of the COVID-19 virus in our community and making recommendations to adjust our phase and guidelines as needed.

PHASE ZERO: Building is closed for use by the staff and members. Open by appointment only. Services and meetings are all remote.

PHASE A:

Staff work rotating between the building and remote. Masks may be removed in an office occupied by one person otherwise worn at all times. Office is at the Hanley building.

Maryland Ave under construction. No daytime activities allowed.

Saturday morning services may convene in the Maryland Ave. sanctuary and require registration, masks and social distancing. Attendance limited to facilitate streaming.

KoReh starts October 18th. Detailed protocols provided to school families.

No adult programs or meetings on Sunday mornings in the building.

Staff may bring food for themselves, no sharing. No other food in either building.

Meetings - encourage holding all meetings virtually. If in-person is required call the office to make arrangements.

PHASE B

Office construction complete and operating out of Maryland Ave.

Staff work rotating between the building and remote. Masks may be removed in an office occupied by one person otherwise worn at all times.

Morning and evening minyan convene in the sanctuary with limited attendance.

Friday evening and Saturday morning services convene in the sanctuary and require registration, mask and social distancing. Attendance limited to facilitate streaming.

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PHASE C:

Staff full time, with social distancing and masks

Staff may bring food for themselves, no sharing. No other food in either building.

All services resume with greater attendance and social distancing; number of people to be determined based on recommendations at the time.

Meetings - coordinate with the office on rooms available for the number attending for both day and evening.

PHASE D:

Vaccine widely available, proof of vaccination required.

Return to normal attendance and use of the building.

WHO IS HIGH RISK?

Staff, Members and Visitors that meet any of the criteria listed below should consult with their physician before attending in-person events:

Age 65 or older
Chronic Kidney Disease
Chronic Lung Disease
Immunocompromised
Obesity
Heart Disease

Sickle Cell
Type 2 Diabetes
Asthma
Hypertension
Pregnancy
Smoking

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting for test results for COVID-19 please do not attend services or other events until a negative test or release from isolation by the St. Louis County Department of Health (St. Louis County resident) or by a provider (City of St. Louis resident).

If a member of your household or a close contact was diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting for test results for COVID-19, please do not attend services or other events until a negative test for household members/close contacts or the end of your quarantine (14 days after last encounter with close contact or 14 days after isolation release of household member).

REQUIRED BY EVERYONE MEETING IN-PERSON OR ENTERING THE BUILDING

- Masks properly worn covering your nose, mouth and chin.**
- Maintain a minimum of 6'-0" from anyone not living in your household.**
- Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.**
- Refrain from hugging, shaking hands and other physical touching.**

MAINTENANCE

Keeping the building clean is a priority. Our maintenance team will clean the building with a sanitizing solution. In addition, we ask that you help by wiping down chairs, tables and other surfaces before and after you use them so we all work to keep the building safe for each other.

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PROTOCOLS

ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS

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| Registration | <p>Members and Visitors must register through the Kol Rinah website or by calling the office and receive a confirmation that they may come at the requested day and time.</p> <p>Indemnification waiver, available on the website or by mail, must be signed and on record in the office for anyone entering the building.</p> |
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| Arrival | <p>Prior to arriving at the building fill out the brief questionnaire available on the website or download the app for use on your mobile phone See the link on the website.</p> <p>If you do not have computer access please inform the office and we will arrange for you to take the survey before entering the building.</p> <p>If coming for an event with multiple people attending a check-in desk will be set up at the front door. For smaller events please use the front door intercom to let someone know you have arrived.</p> <p>Upon arrival at the front door we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> confirm you are registered, your waiver is on file and the survey completed. confirm you are wearing a mask. We ask that everyone bring their own mask, disposable masks will be available at the door. <p>Due to the need to follow the registration protocols we are not allowing any walk-in members or guests.</p> |
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| In the Building | <p>Please go to the room of your event and do not wander through the building.</p> <p>Each meeting room is supplied with disinfectant wipes or spray. Upon arrival and before you leave please wipe down the chairs and tables (not including the sanctuary).</p> <p>Furniture is set up in each room to maintain social distancing, do not rearrange the furniture or bring more chairs into the room.</p> <p>Follow the instructions of all signage in the building.</p> <p>Please only use the restrooms designated for use and only one person in the restroom at a time except for children that need help from a parent or caretaker.</p> <p>Be respectful to anyone that notes you are not following the protocols. Anyone that does not follow the protocols after being reminded will be asked to leave.</p> |
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| Staff | <p>Staff will follow the same entry procedures of taking a survey, wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.</p> <p>Staff may bring food in for themselves, no sharing.</p> |
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| Services In-Person | <p>Register on the website or by calling the office to attend services. Registration is open from Sunday, 8:00AM - Thursday, 6:00AM. Registration will close early. Attendance is limited based on the makeup of the households registering, 10-20 people, including the clergy.</p> <p>Members that try to register after registration closes may call the office to have their names added for the following week.</p> <p>Seating is arranged and assigned based on reservations</p> <p>Singing is allowed only if the seating arrangement is maintained.</p> <p>Bring your own kippah and tallit.</p> <p>Masks must be worn at all times during the service.</p> <p>Follow the directional paths for walking through the sanctuary.</p> <p>See below for the use of electronics to participate from home</p> |
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| Outdoor Activity | <p>After check-in go directly through the lobby to the courtyard.</p> <p>Following the seating and social distancing markers set up for the event.</p> <p>Go indoors only to use the designated restrooms.</p> |
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| Exit | Exit through the designated doors only. |
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SERVICES AND THE USE OF ELECTRONICS

We will consider a minyan (10 adult Jews) constituted if we are either in the same place or seeing and/or hearing each other via Zoom.

Streaming services will be available from the sanctuary. If there is a minyan constituted in person that is being streamed those watching can consider themselves as participating in the minyan.

If participating on your computer on Shabbat make preparations so that little or no set up is required once Shabbat begins.

Books will be provided to any household upon request.

MEETINGS

We encourage the continued use of Zoom for all committee meetings. Contact the office for assistance in using the synagogues Zoom account.

If a virtual meeting is not possible contact the office for the availability of in-person meetings.

IF YOU BECOME ILL

If you have attended an event in the building within the past 2 days please call the office to inform us if you are running a fever, have other symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test. Keep us updated on your condition and the results of the COVID-19 test.

We will contact anyone that attended an event with you in the past 14 days.

Please let us know if you need any assistance while you are sick.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Please contact Rabbi Arnow and the Executive Director to discuss your needs. We will do our best to make arrangements to hold life cycle events in person with limited attendance.