



Dear Residents and Visitors of the Chicago Jewish Community,

A gut yahr. We hope that each of you had an uplifting Yomim Noraim. May all of our *tefillos* be accepted and bring about *brachos, refuos v'yeshuos* for our community and all of Klal Yisroel.

As is known, there is currently a rise of COVID-19 cases in our community. In addition, in many other communities and *mosdos* around the country the surge is even more significant. With Sukkos upon us, and many of our children and extended family coming to Chicago for Yom Tov, it is crucial for us as a community to once again increase our vigilance in attempt to stem a potential outbreak.

These efforts will help save many from illness and potential *sakana*, and, as importantly, will help ensure the return to our *mosdos hachinuch* without any additional delay. Our precious children need in-person education for their *ruchniyus* and emotional well-being. We were blessed that the first month of school went smoothly. We must do whatever we can to prevent any interruption to the school year and any *bittul hevel pihem shel tinokos shel beis rabban r"l*.

To this end, we the undersigned Rabbanim and Roshei Kollel have instituted the following policies for our *mekomos hatefilla*:

- **Attendance-** The following individuals should be in quarantine and are asked not to enter our buildings-
 - Anyone that currently has COVID-19.
 - Anyone that has had direct exposure within the last 12 days to someone with COVID-19.
 - Anyone that is experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19. In all cases of doubt, please stay home until a doctor is consulted.
- **Masks and Social Distancing-** The following guidelines must be maintained during all minyanim-
 - Please be extra careful to maintain social distancing and sanitize one's hands frequently.
 - Masks must be worn during all *tefillos* without any exception.
- **Additional Restrictions-** In addition to all the above, each Rav has or will communicate additional measures as he sees fit based on his building structure and constituency of his *kehilla*. All of these measures must be adhered to.

We understand that many reading this letter are coming from communities that have more relaxed standards. We recognize the *tircha* and thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain the safety and *chinuch* of our community.

We daven that this pandemic, it's negative impact and the host of restrictions that accompany it will speedily *kulam k'ashan tichleh*.

Wishing each of you and Gut Yom Tov and a true Zman Simchaseinu,

Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Agishtein	Rabbi Yitzchok Broyde	Rabbi Zev Cohen	Rabbi Yitzchak Cohen	Rabbi Eliezer Dimarsky
Rabbi Yehoshua Eichenstein	Rabbi Pinchus Eichenstein	Rabbi Zalman Leib Eichenstein	Rabbi Menachem Fine	Rabbi Moshe Francis
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Rabbi Moshe Revah	Rabbi Yaakov Robinson	Rabbi Gershon Schaffel	Rabbi Moshe Schechter	Rabbi Moshe Scheinberg
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