



ATTENDING SHUL GUIDLINES

Staying Home

The following categories of people should continue to remain at home:

1. Anyone feeling ill or suffering from any COVID-19 symptoms (Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, temperature in excess of 100.4 F, chills, muscle pain, sore throat and a new loss of taste or smell), or who has suffered these symptoms in the previous 14 days.
2. Anyone who has had exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID in the last 14 days, or who has traveled by plane in the last 14 days.
3. Anyone who is uncomfortable attending, or who cannot or will not comply with any of the guidelines mentioned in this communication.

Those in at-risk categories such as being 65 or older should consult with their physician before attending minyan.

Hygiene

1. Hands must be washed or sanitized upon entry into the building, and both before and after using the restroom.
2. Masks must be worn at all times, properly, covering the nose and mouth. This will be enforced; those who are wearing their masks improperly will be reminded to do so, and, if necessary, instructed on how. Those who need to remove their masks to take a breather are asked to leave the building expeditiously to do so, and wash their hands upon return.
3. No one is to leave the sanctuary unless they are headed outdoors or to the restroom, and no one is to socialize in the hallways, the lobby or outside. The water fountain will be off limits, though a water cooler and cups will be available for use.
4. Everyone attending should take care to arrive and depart in compliance with physical distancing guidelines. Doors from the Beit Midrash and the sanctuary onto Churchill Way should also be utilized for departure.

The Tefillah

There will be two minyanim on Shabbat morning. A Main minyan in the main sanctuary at 9 AM. Attendees should arrive within 15 minutes of the minyan's start time. In order to reduce exposure and duration of time indoors, some modifications will be made to the Tefillah.

Seats will be distributed in the sanctuary and the Beit Midrash to allow for maximal physical distancing. In the sanctuary, there will be 26 physically distanced seats available for men and 20 seats for women. In the Beit Midrash, there will be 16 seats for men, and four for women. Family members who live together need not distance physically, and would not count toward the above tally.

1. Anyone above the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah are invited to attend, but must remain in the sanctuary.
2. Men should bring their own tallitot from home; cubbies will not be available for access. Pre-sanitized chumashim and siddurim will be made available on a table outside the sanctuary, and should be placed on the table in the next to it that will be dedicated for this purpose.
3. Tefillah on Shabbat morning will begin at *Rabbi Yishmael. Anim Zemirot* will not be said.
4. Based on the ruling of Rav Yosef Caro in the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chaim 143:5), under our unique circumstances, the Baal Keriah will remove and return the Torah with gloves and receive all seven aliyot (even if Kohanim are present). He will also perform Hagbahah and Gelilah, by placing the Torah back on the Shulchan and rolling it up again. He will also chant the Haftarah (there will be no additional maftir aliyah) and recite the half kaddish after Torah reading at the conclusion of the Haftarah.
5. Though we recognize that many people experience deep spirituality through song, at this time, congregational singing will be limited.