

COVID POLICY

Given the increased severity of the COVID outbreak, (In the month of December the number of COVID-19 cases in North Carolina increased by one-third.) the Board of Directors is asking everyone on campus to exercise extreme caution and be respectfully of others.

At all times, You **MUST** wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth (indoors and outdoors) on the synagogue campus

At all times, please respect and observe appropriate social distancing (6 or more feet apart)

All persons visiting the synagogue are urged to call before coming so that contacts with others can be minimized.

The hospitality suite is closed due to COVID; it will remain closed until reopened by the Board.

All Talmud Torah and Hillel School parents, shul goers and employees of the synagogue are urged to be transparent with one another about their health, the health of other members living in their household, hosting of out of State guests, and travel trips.

All persons using the campus are strongly urged to install the Slow COVIDNC app on their cell phones. This app will let you know if you have been exposed to COVID in the past 14-days. This app maintains privacy and anonymity. No identifiable personal information is shared or collected. Installing this app will help you and our synagogue community slow the spread of COVID-19.

All minyan attendees are required to agree to conditions and restrictions during the registration and sign-up process. Persons who fail to pre-register may not enter the synagogue for prayer services. No “walk-ins” will be permitted. Registration forms will be available on Wednesday and should be submitted no later than 3 PM Thursday. <https://forms.gle/dQsbGJWmsLSrMV8V6>

The following persons are PROHIBITED from the campus:

- Out-of-State guests without quarantining for 14 complete days.
- Anyone traveling out of State, except for same day travel when a mask is worn, shall not enter the campus for 7 complete days and take a RT-PCR test 4-5 days after returning home. Such persons may enter the campus after the 7-day period if the test result is negative and the person has no Covid-19 symptoms.
- Anyone who is **symptomatic with COVID-19** or anyone **living with someone who is symptomatic with COVID-19**.
- Anyone who has been **diagnosed with COVID-19**.
- Anyone who has been **exposed to someone either experiencing COVID symptoms or someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days**. Exposure is defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet of someone infected for a cumulative period of 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period (e.g. three 5-minute exposures for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period). Exposure also includes: (1) being kissed or hugged with someone with Covid-19 or (2) being coughed on or sneezed on by some with Covid-19. Exposure starts 2-days prior to the onset of symptoms and for asymptomatic patients 2-days prior to test collection.)
- Anyone **in the past 14 days** who has been **exposed to someone currently awaiting test results for COVID-19** because of suspicion of COVID. Such person may enter the campus when the tested person receives a negative test result and that tested person has no Covid-19 symptoms.

The exposed prohibited person may enter the campus after tested negative by a RT-PCR test administered 5 or more days after exposure and quarantining for 14 complete days without any COVID symptoms

Persons diagnosed or symptomatic with COVID-19 may enter the campus when:

- 1) 14 complete days after passed since they were first diagnosed or first became symptomatic, and**
- 2) The person had no fever for 24 hours - without fever reducing medications - the last of their isolation, and**
- 3) Other symptoms have gone away or reduced in number and severity**

COVID SYMPTOMS

- Fever (100.4 F degrees or greater) or fever that has persisted for more than 48-hours
- Persistent Cough not related to another medical condition (e.g. allergies)
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste and/or smell in the last 5 days
- Chills
- Persistent Vomiting
- Persistent Diarrhea
- Skin rash
- Headache with stiff neck

What protocols and changes can I expect while attending a minyan?

To facilitate the safest and most medically comfortable environment for all, we insist that while on shul premises, attendees abide by additional safety protocols:

- **Pre-register**
- **Arriving on-time (if not a few minutes before)** for minyan as the doors will remain locked from the outside once the minyan has started
- **Sitting in designated seats** that have been measured to have appropriate physical distance from one another
- Maintain maximum **physical distance between individuals at all times**, including all forms of physical contact (such as handshakes, hugs, or elbow bumps)
- Maintaining maximum **physical distance when entering or exiting the shul**, including following any posted traffic signage
- **Wearing a face covering at all times** (either a cloth covering or a face mask), Per CDC guidelines, **face coverings with a valve or vent will not be allowed** as they allow particles to escape and do not provide adequate protection for those in your vicinity.

- **Sanitizing your hands with provided hand sanitizer** upon entry, after touching a high-touch surface (such as a doorknob or hand railing), using the restroom, or after coughing, sneezing, or touching your face
- **Avoiding congregating** before, during, and after davening, including when waiting to enter the shul building

The **shul restrooms will not be cleaned between each use**, so attendees are encouraged to use the restroom before attending minyan. In the event of need, users are required to maintain single occupancy and sanitize their hands accordingly after use.