

Covid Safety Policy for CBH Children's and Family Programming

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This policy has been developed on the basis of current CDC guidelines and mandates from the state of New Jersey and is subject to revision as those guidelines and mandates change.

At all Religious School activities:

- Anyone who is not feeling well and/or exhibiting symptoms including fever, chills, cough, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion or runny nose, vomiting, or diarrhea should NOT ATTEND.
- Bathrooms inside the building should be limited to two people at a time, but this limit may be exceeded by members of the same household.
- Materials must be disinfected and/or "rested" for 24 hours between users.
- All religious school students and staff must inform the synagogue if they have suspected or confirmed Covid-19, or have been in contact with someone who does, and have been in the building or at any CBH event within the previous two weeks.

When Religious School is held OUTSIDE (using a tent with no sides or sides rolled up is still considered outside):

- EVERYONE is required to wear masks at all times (except while eating – see below).
- Every effort should be made to maintain social distance by all (at least 6' apart), except for members of the same household.
- Singing is permitted (with masks).
- Song leaders/service leaders who are FULLY VACCINATED must be at least 6' from the audience. Song leaders/service leaders who are not NOT FULLY VACCINATED must be at least 12' from the audience.
- Masks may be removed while eating, during which time social distance of at least 6' MUST be strictly maintained.
- Food should be set out in individual servings (pre-packaged or pre-portioned, e.g. pre-poured juice, a single bagel on a plate, etc).
- No wind instruments may be played, unless required for ritual purposes (e.g. shofar), in which case the instrument must be masked. Whenever possible, the player should be fully vaccinated; a fully vaccinated player must be at least 6' from the audience, and one who is not fully vaccinated must be 12' from the audience.

When Religious School is held INSIDE:

- Religious School can meet indoors. Religious School consists of vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
- HEPA filters will be used at all events and where possible.
- Building ventilation will be set to maximize fresh air intake.
- Every effort will be made to use larger spaces, such as the Teen lounge and social hall. Classrooms may be used when necessary.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask at all events.

- A social distance of 3 ft must be maintained
- Individually prepared snacks and drinks are allowed. Every effort will be made to take snack breaks outdoors.
- Take breaks outside.
- During a family service, the leaders must be masked. These services will occur in the Social Hall or sanctuary for better distancing.
- For large family program (all parents), the sanctuary and /or the Social Hall will be used maintaining a 3' socially distance between families.
- Wind instruments are not allowed.. Congregation must be 12 feet minimum from Bimah.

Statement of values of the CBH Reopening Committee:

In keeping with the Jewish values that we uphold as a community, when it comes to the safety of children who are not yet eligible for vaccination against Covid-19, we seek to exercise extra care because:

1. In keeping with the value of “l’dor vador” – the responsibility to pass wisdom from generation to generation -- we have the task of being positive role models of good behavior and social responsibility for children. By wearing masks, even when we are fully vaccinated, adults model caring, empathy, reason, and compassion, in the hope that our children will carry those traits into the world and teach them to future generations.
2. We understand that the ability of a child to properly wear a mask for an extended period may be limited. Therefore, as responsible adults, we take it upon ourselves to provide an extra measure of protection by wearing our masks when we are near children.

As CBH seeks to remain a vibrant Jewish community in the midst of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we are committed to:

- the safety and health of our community, staff, and everyone who uses our facilities.
- serving as a supportive community that is inclusive and sensitive to the needs of all our members.
- making decisions based on scientifically sound, evidence-based recommendations from experts, government, and health care agencies.
- the Torah value of placing the preservation of human life above all other considerations.