

**TEMPLE ISRAEL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COVID-19 RULES AND PROCEDURES
FOR REOPENING FOR WORSHIP**

(Adopted by the Board: August 10, 2021
Effective September 6, 2021)

With respect to participation in worship services, these Rules and Procedures supercede the applicable provisions of the “Covid-19 Protocol for Returning to Normal Activities” adopted April 27, 2021.

Preamble

As the pandemic lingers with no end in sight, there is a desire of some, perhaps many, to return to in-person worship in the Temple facility. These Rules and Procedures provide a structure for permitting a return to in-person worship for those who choose to do so. To be clear, the Temple will continue to broadcast services so those who desire to worship have the option to worship virtually going forward. The option of in-person worship shall begin with, and continue after, the services held the evening of September 6, 2021, to celebrate the beginning of Rosh Hashanah.

While these Rules and Procedures are an attempt to limit the risk presented by COVID-19 and its variants, there is no assurance these Rules and Procedures will achieve that goal. There is no riskless way to have in-person worship at the present time. Thus, choosing in-person worship is a matter of an individual’s assessment of and willingness to accept the risk involved. We urge everyone to carefully come to their own answer and do what each person concludes is acceptable and comfortable for him or her and those that may accompany them.

These Rules and Procedures are subject to revision, suspension or revocation based upon the changing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rules and Procedures

The following apply to worshippers participating in services in the Temple building:

1. All persons shall be fully vaccinated. Each participant shall provide proof thereof when asked. The phrase “fully vaccinated” as used in these Rules and Procedures means that two weeks have passed after the person received the last of any required dose of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

2. A person wanting to worship in a service shall worship virtually if:
 - (i) the worshipper is not fully vaccinated (whether adult or child);
 - (ii) the worshipper does not feel well (such as having a fever, persistent cough or other symptoms); or
 - (iii) the worshipper knows he or she has been exposed to someone having COVID within the past 14 days.
3. All worshippers shall be masked at all times while in the Temple building. Masks are not required but are strongly recommended for any social activity before or after the service which takes place outside of the Temple building.
4. There is no limit on the number of persons who may worship in the Temple building, and no reservations to attend are required.
5. There is no requirement to social distance between persons who are not in the same household. However, individuals attending who want to social distance from other individuals may do so within the constraints posed by the available seating in the Sanctuary or the space used for any social activity before or after the worship service.
6. After the service, if announced in advance, there may be an opportunity for worshippers to socialize for a more extended period after leaving the Sanctuary. If weather permits, the gathering shall take place in the Temple Garden or other outdoor spaces on Temple grounds. If weather does not permit socializing outdoors, such social activity shall take place in the Social Hall and foyer, where social distancing may be possible if a participant so chooses.
7. There will be no food provided by or for worshippers either in the Sanctuary or at any social activity before or after the service.
8. Only one person at a time shall use any Temple restroom. There are 4 available restrooms. A men's, women's and handicapped restroom are located at the back of the building just before entering the Religious School wing. A 4th restroom is available on the Chapel side of the building in the kitchen opposite the supply pantry.