



SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY
REOPENING IN THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

As of October 18, 2020

We are all thrilled that our expanded, almost new, building is almost completed and ready for occupancy on or about November 17th. Our excitement is tempered with concern as we face the burdens of dealing with the potential risk of virus infection that gathering of people facilitate.

For those of us with compromised immune systems or underlying chronic conditions, such as diabetes, heart conditions and asthma, the best alternative is to remain physically or socially distanced and to avoid being in concentrations of people. Seaside will continue, to the extent at all possible, to make services available on Zoom and soon through our own streaming capability. In the meantime, if you are at all concerned for the health and safety of yourself or your family, we encourage you to avoid coming to services in person. In addition, if you know or only suspect you have been exposed to someone with the virus within the past two weeks, you must NOT come to Seaside for a service or activity.

The following GUIDELINES have been approved by the Board of Directors. These GUIDELINES have been modeled after what other religious institutions in the area are using and are consistent with the requirements of the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html>

and the Governor's Covid-19 Emergency Declaration and subsequent modifications through the date above. As further modifications occur, these GUIDELINES will be updated as necessary.

THESE GUIDELINES ARE MANDATORY AND WILL BE ENFORCED STRICTLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF US ALL. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REMINDED OF THE REQUIREMENTS AT THE OUTSET OF A SERVICE OR MEETING AND THEREAFTER THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS. IF YOU FAIL TO OBSERVE THE REQUIREMENTS YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY COVID-19 GUIDELINES

PERSONAL RULES

- If you feel ill or think you have been exposed to the Covid-19 virus do not come to Seaside. If you are being tested or a housemate is being tested, do not come to Seaside until tests are confirmed negative.
- All persons attempting to enter the building will be screened for a temperature over 100 degrees and for travel or exposure experiences.
- All persons attempting to enter the building will be asked to complete a questionnaire to identify potential risks such as recent travel or exposure to others with the Covid-19 virus. Individuals with high-risk exposure will be questioned and either cleared for entry or asked to return home.
- All attendees are required to wear face masks that cover both nose and mouth at all times. Face masks with vents, bandanas and gaiters will not be permitted.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been provided at the front door and throughout the building and members are encouraged to use them freely and frequently.
- All persons entering the building to participate in a service or other event must provide a written name, date and contact information. This will be preserved for 90 days and will be used for contact tracing in the event an infection occurs in Seaside.

BUILDING RULES

- Congregating or socializing within the building other than in the physically distanced seating arrangements will not be permitted. Upon entering, please proceed directly to your seat and when you leave please do so directly. Congregating outdoors is not encouraged.
- Seating will be set up to ensure that individuals or family units are physically distanced from others; **please do not rearrange the seating**. Seek help from an usher if you need more seating for a family member.
- In conformity with the Governor's Emergency Order as now in effect, occupancy of the building will be limited to 60% of fire code maximums. For the upper level sanctuary, this will limit attendees up to ninety (90) persons (if proper physical distancing can be maintained). If demand warrants, additional seating will be set up on the lower level with a full audio and visual hookup to the main sanctuary.
- At all times that the building is open, the ventilation system must be operational to assist in the flow of air. Special ion generators have been added to the systems to help in reducing particles in the air, including dust and viruses.
- The entry area, hallways and the sanctuary are marked with tape on the floor to indicate a six-foot gap between persons; please observe this physical distancing for the protection of yourselves and others.

- Common touch areas, such as door handles, light switches, tables and ritual objects, will be wiped down with sanitizer prior to each event.
- NOTE: Chairs will not be sanitized because they are mostly fabric and cannot be sanitized.
- Persons conducting a service or meeting must wear either a proper face mask or a clear plastic shield and a mask; a face shield alone is NOT permitted. Microphones may not be shared. The floor will be marked to indicate the necessary distance between the speaker and the congregation.
- Prayer books, tallises and yarmulkes will NOT be provided and members are encouraged to bring their own. We cannot adequately sanitize such items between uses. A digital copy of the prayer book will be made available and you should plan on using your phone or tablet to follow the service.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Meetings outside the Sanctuary: Our building now has several areas which may be used by members for meetings or other events. The person responsible for organizing each meeting is responsible for ensuring that the foregoing GUIDELINES are enforced. This includes, in particular, physical distancing, masks, and sanitizing before and after the event. However, attendance at any such meeting is limited to twelve (12) persons. Persons conducting such meetings will be asked to sign a certification that they have read these Guidelines and will ensure their enforcement during the planned meeting. Virtual meetings are the preferred.

Children: If parents or grandparents bring children to an event at Seaside, they are responsible for ensuring that the children observe the requirements of the GUIDELINES. Youngsters two years old and under are not required to wear a mask; those between the ages of three and four are encouraged to do so. Those over five must wear a mask as an adult.

Kitchen: the kitchen is not available for use at this time; please do not put anything in the refrigerator.

Enforcement: Failure to observe the rules of conduct will result in persons being asked to leave. Failure to do so will require immediate termination of the service or meeting and evacuation of the building.