

Protocol for Resumption of Live Services at Shaaray Tefila

June 2021

1. Participants in services who have not completed vaccination for Covid will be seated in the last row on the North side of the upstairs sanctuary. They must wear masks at all times within the synagogue building, including when seated at services.
2. Congregants will seat themselves at least 12 feet apart. Congregants from the same household may sit together. Two of every 3 rows will be blocked off with ribbon.
3. Congregants should take their temperatures at home and refrain from attending if temperature is above 99.5 F. Congregants who feel ill, have cough, shortness of breath, nausea, diarrhea, headache, sore throat or other flu-like symptoms should stay home or seek medical care.
4. Fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks at all times within the building unless seated in the sanctuary. It is the responsibility of the congregant to bring a mask. A limited supply of masks may be available at the synagogue. Masks are not required for vaccinated individuals when seated in the sanctuary unless 12 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained.
5. Maximum occupancy of 30 people in sanctuary at any one time.
6. There will be no Torah procession. The Torah will be removed from the arc and placed on the reading table and replaced in the arc at the appropriate time. Torah blessings will be done from seats in the sanctuary. Gabbis will monitor the text from their seats. If the text is being read from the Chumash and someone is serving as a pointer, the reader will stand at least 12 feet from the pointer.
7. Only 1 person may use a bathroom at any one time except if adult is supervising a young child or attending to someone requiring assistance. Bathroom doors now have locks. Wash hands before and after using bathroom.
8. Congregants are encouraged to wear their own kippas to shul and to bring their own tallasim. Congregants are welcome to leave their tallasim in the seat racks in the sanctuary during the week. Siddurim and chumashim will be left in seat racks.
9. Stairwell doors and doors to main sanctuary will be left open during services.
10. Optimal ventilation with either open windows or air conditioning will be maintained, depending on weather conditions.
11. Elevator should be used by no more than one person or one household at a time.
12. Parents or guardians are responsible for insuring that their unvaccinated children maintain social distancing and wear masks.
13. Shaaray Tefila is making its best effort to make live services as safe as possible. However, congregants should use their judgment and consult public health authorities in making their own decision as to whether attendance at live services is appropriate for their particular situation.