

COVID PROTOCOL POLICY - OCTOBER 2022

In order to sustain the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of our community in the face of an ongoing and ever-unfolding COVID landscape, and **encouraged** by the currently low levels of COVID transmission in Howard County, we, the CJC Board, approve the following revised COVID policy, which will go into effect November 1, 2022:

- Masks are optional for all in-person events.
- Serving food is permitted at CJC events with appropriate precautions taken to prevent the spread of illness.
 - When advertising for events we will strive to indicate the time food will be served (i.e. “join us for an oneg after services”) so members and visitors can avoid moments of heightened unmasking.
- CJC services and events will be held in-person as often as is possible and we encourage members to join us in-person, if comfortable, in order to reconnect.
 - Committees and other subgroups may opt to meet virtually for convenience or because of weather, illness, etc.
- Services and events will continue to be streamed, as much as possible, to allow access for those who are unable/uncomfortable attending in-person.
- There is no longer a vaccination requirement (we acknowledge that the great majority of our members are now vaccinated)
- There is no longer a requirement that members and visitors sign a brit or pre-register for in-person services.

These changes were made under the advice of the CJC Healthcare Advisory Committee.

The CJC Board will be in regular touch with the CJC Healthcare Advisory Committee - to monitor changes to the county’s COVID status. Should there be a sudden and substantial increase in county COVID levels, the CJC President has the authority to return CJC’s COVID protocols to a heightened state, as a stop gap measure, until the board can convene to further discuss our policy.

“Masks Option, Care Required” at CJC!

We are loosening some of our COVID precautions which means it is IMPERATIVE that you monitor your own health closely - to keep yourself and those around you safe.

Please do not attend a CJC event if:

- In the past five days, you, or someone in your household, has experienced the onset of one or more COVID symptoms (including but not limited to fever, coughing, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell).
- You are experiencing the symptoms of any transmissible illness.
- You have been instructed to quarantine for any reason.
 - You have received a positive test for COVID, even if you have not developed symptoms. You must be fever free for 48 hours (without the help of a fever reducer) in order to attend on day six or later after diagnosis.