



December 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

Following Temple's moves this fall to partially reopen (i.e., in-person Friday night services, limited Oneg Shabbat after Temple, Trivia Night on December 11, etc.), our Temple Reopening Task Force met on December 9 to review our covid protocols. Based on an uptick in cases that some experts fear is the beginning of a winter surge, and, especially, uncertainty about the omicron variant, the Task Force decided to leave current protocols in place for now. Following are the salient points which the Task Force re-affirmed:

- ** A maximum of 50 people will be allowed in the Sanctuary. Broadcasting by Zoom will be available whenever practicable.
- ** All participants at in-person Temple events guests should be fully vaccinated.
- ** All participants at in-person Temple events will be required to wear masks in Temple except while eating.
- ** Food service at in-person Temple events will be restricted to pre-packaged and/or pre-proportioned items that should be eaten on our patios or backyard. No indoor sit down food events will be allowed. Any requests going beyond this must be reviewed in advance by Temple office manager Ann Eisenstadt and approved by our Reopening Task Force.

Please understand two things about these guidelines:

- 1) These guidelines are designed to protect the health not only of you and your family and guests, but also of our rabbi, and those Temple members and friends who may be participating in events or working as volunteers.
- 2) These guidelines are in effect right now, but they will be reviewed both regularly and as changing conditions warrant. The next regular meeting of the Reopening Task Force is scheduled for January 17, but we will meet earlier if necessary.

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