

The COVID-19 Column
Agudas Achim Synagogue
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I am writing to update the congregation on synagogue policies with regard to self and family protection from COVID-19 when using synagogue facilities. All of our current religious services are now “hybrid”—including both in-person and broadcast (via Zoom) modes. We are being as proactive as possible in maintaining protection while using the synagogue for all purposes. Here are the basic, current policies:

1. Please do not come to or bring anyone to the synagogue if you or others are ill or have been exposed to COVID-19, for everybody’s protection.
2. After Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when all persons entering the synagogue are required to wear masks, we will transition to mask optional.
3. We require that all persons over 6 months entering the synagogue be vaccinated for COVID-19, but no longer require documentation Please refer to the current recommended vaccine schedules on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.
4. Maximize the use of outdoor events and activities.
5. Special air purification systems have been installed, and we are maximizing fresh air circulation.
6. While challenging, we attempt to use procedures that minimize the spread of COVID-19 at synagogue events where food and drink are served.

More detailed information can be found at:

<https://coronavirus-johnsoncounty.hub.arcgis.com/>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

Of course, all policies remain subject to change as the pandemic and public health guidelines shift. We will continue to communicate with you. Medical and clinical questions should always be addressed to your personal health professionals, but we are happy to try to address questions about our policies that you may have. L’Shana Tova.

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