



COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill out the "mask survey."

As you can imagine, there were varied opinions expressed within the community, ranging from one end of the spectrum to the other. This is, understandably, an issue that many of you have given much thought to and have arrived at thoughtful conclusions. Our earnest hope in this policy-making process was to incorporate and accommodate, as best as possible, the varied opinions presented to us, while giving greater weight to those opinions most commonly raised. We know that no single policy can make everyone happy, and we hope that you trust that we have taken the due diligence to arrive at our policy decision only after extensive discussions with professionals in the medical community, local rabbinic leaders, and your opinions expressed in the survey.

To that extent, we will adopt the following policy for the main sanctuary to begin Sunday, the 18th of April.

The men's section will be divided into two distinct sections. One section will accommodate those individuals who choose to continue wearing masks, and another section will be dedicated to those who choose not to wear masks. We will erect a partition between these two sections for optimum safety. Due to space constraints, the women's section cannot be safely divided into two, and for that reason, we ask that women continue wearing masks for the time being.

Attendees at Learners' Service are also asked to continue wearing masks until further notice.

While we strongly encourage everyone who has not yet been vaccinated or contracted Covid-19 in the past to continue wearing masks, the decision to wear masks will ultimately fall upon each individual.

We ask that everyone please be respectful of everyone's personal choices in this regard.

It should be noted that this decision, like all policy decisions related to Covid-19, is subject to change if and when pertinent circumstances change.

Thank you very much.