



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM  
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# Overview of Recommendations

## Temple Beth Shalom COVID-19 Task Force

*These recommendations are based on the prevailing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic in Central Ohio as of August 2020. These recommendations are in effect through at least November 1, 2020. The Task Force will review its recommendations in late October, at which time potential changes may be considered based on the course of the virus.*

### Religious School:

- The 2020/5781 Religious School year will start **virtually** on September 13, 2020.
- The schedule of virtual classes, events, and programs will attempt to mirror the in-person experience as closely as possible. Classes will be held over Zoom.
- Madrichim will still be in virtual learning classrooms.
- Junior and Senior Youth Group Advisors will continue to provide monthly virtual youth group events.
- In accordance with safety measures and protocols, Religious School leadership will plan monthly in-person programming available to all Religious School families.
- In consultation with TBS leadership and the COVID-19 Task Force, clergy and staff will determine whether Religious School services, such as grade Shabbatot and Confirmation Services, will be done virtually or postponed until we are able to have services in-person.

### Shabbat & Lifecycle:

- Friday night Shabbat Services will remain virtual through **at least November 1, 2020**.
- The preference of the Task Force is for all lifecycle events to be held virtually.
- The framework for in-person lifecycle events is as follows:
  - ◆ Masks are **mandatory** for the duration of the event
  - ◆ Social distancing must be observed
  - ◆ The event is limited to a maximum of 20 participants and five Temple clergy/staff
  - ◆ No food is permitted in the Temple building at this time, and the Social Hall and Kitchen are closed until further notice
- B'nai Mitzvah families have four options:
  - ◆ Virtual B'nai Mitzvah service (**Most Preferred**)
  - ◆ Small, in-person service to be held on the Temple's patio (**Weather-Permitting**)
  - ◆ Small, in-person service to be held in the Sanctuary (**Limited Indoor Service**)
  - ◆ Reschedule the B'nai Mitzvah service
- Services will be abbreviated to minimize
- B'nai Mitzvah families have the option of rescheduling once.
- All in-person attendees must fill out a health screening no later than 48 hours before the event.

## High Holy Days:

- The High Holy High Holy Days season of 5781 will largely take place **online**, with opportunities for safely gathering for some events.
- Services will mostly be virtual or pre-recorded, with the following exceptions:
  - ◆ Drive-in Shir Shirim Mostly Music Services for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur
  - ◆ Drive-in Yizkor Memorial Service
- Socially distanced programming will include opportunities like neighborhood shofar blasts.
- In lieu of in-person High Holy Day greetings, a virtual community card will be created, in addition to Zoom “Schmooze Rooms” to wish friends a “Shanah Tovah.”

## Temple Operations:

- Masks are **mandatory** for all visitors to the Temple building. If a person does not have a mask, one will be provided.
- Visitors must observe all posted signs, including designated entrances and exits.
- Scheduled visitors must fill out a health screening no later than 48 hours before the appointment.
- Through at least November 1, 2020:
  - ◆ The upper level of the Temple building is closed unless accompanied by clergy or staff
  - ◆ The Social Hall is closed
  - ◆ All bathrooms are gender-less and have a one person limit

## Programming:

- There will be no programming within the Temple building through **at least November 1, 2020**.
- Programming on the Temple’s outdoor spaces that adheres to specific health and safety requirements like social distancing and mandatory masks is permissible.