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Subject: UPDATED OC Minyanim Guidelines

Dear OC Community and Friends,

We are updating our Guidelines to further reflect the ongoing serious situation across Washington and our community as we conform with statewide [restrictions](#) and federal guidance. We take these precautions to daven together as safely as possible.

Minyanim at Ohr Chadash will adhere to the following standards:

- **A sign-up sheet for pre-arranged seating** will be distributed weekly, and members are expected to note their **attendance by Friday at 9am via this [link](#)**. Guests email addresses should be noted. We also have a limited number of outdoor seats adjacent to the windows on the north side of our shul that also require signing up.
- Members who are fully vaccinated (defined as two weeks following receipt of a last dose in a two-dose series, or a single dose in a one-dose vaccine) can have a seat reserved for them on an ongoing basis without the need to sign up each week by emailing Ohr Chadash.
- Attendees must be completely free of any COVID-19 symptoms, including: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever (a temperature above 100.4°F), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell. A complete symptom list can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html.
- Face coverings (i.e. masks) are required for all attendees.
- Anyone with a household member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or with symptoms of COVID-19 may not attend indoors or outdoors.
- If one has been infected with COVID-19 or has been exposed to an individual infected or suspected to have been infected with COVID-19, you must be symptom-free for at least 2 weeks to attend indoors or outdoors. Those fully vaccinated who are exposed to someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 are not required to quarantine.
- Congregational singing will occur in a limited fashion during services.
- Travel: In alignment with CDC [recommendations](#), fully vaccinated attendees are not required to quarantine or test upon arrival in Seattle. For those unvaccinated, the traveler(s) must quarantine for 7 days following arrival, take a COVID-19 test between days 3-5, and may attend services with a negative COVID-19 test on day 8. The traveler may also attend services after a 10 day quarantine without a test.

- We ask all individuals not fully vaccinated to not attend indoor services (you may sit outside) if, in the past two weeks, you have:
 - Attended large social gatherings, such as a wedding, funeral or a party
 - Attended a mass gathering such as a sporting event, concert or parade
 - Been in crowds such as restaurants, bars, airports, bus / train stations, etc.
 - Traveled on a cruise ship
- **Children** are welcome to attend indoors with their parents if they are masked and able to sit comfortably. All children regardless of age must be masked indoors; unmasked newborns and infants are welcome outdoors in a stroller or held by their parents. There will be no youth Shabbat groups. Parents will be asked to take children home if children are unable to stay in their seats and wear a mask.
- Those over the age of 65 or in a high-risk group (i.e., diabetic, high blood pressure, heart or lung disease, immunocompromised, etc.) should consult their physician before attending.
- Attendees must wash hands with soap and water before coming to the minyan.
- Attendees must arrive and leave promptly. There will be no socializing before, during, or after minyan. Attendance is for the sole purpose of Tefilah B'tzibur.
- Seating will be at least six feet apart except those sitting next to members of their own household. Moving chairs is not permitted.
- Restroom access will be limited to one person at a time, and social distancing and mask wearing must be maintained at all times. You must wash your hands with soap and water before returning to services.
- Abundant hand sanitizer and paper towels will be available for use after touching any door handles, knobs or other items.
- A minyan supervisor will keep track of those who attend in order to enable contact tracing, should it become necessary.

Please note: These standards allow one to attend OC's indoor minyan, but they do not obligate one to attend. You acknowledge that you are attending OC's indoor minyan at your own risk. If you attend OC's minyan but do not follow these standards, you will be asked to leave.

We pray that we are able to hold minyanim with all our members soon.

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