

April 9, 2021

Shalom TI Families,

As we head into spring and more congregants are vaccinated, we hope that you and your family will feel more comfortable returning to in-person services. We have established the guidelines below to allow children to return to services.

We will continue following the rules for occupancy limits (each person attending counts as one attendee, regardless of age), social distancing and limits on physical contact with the Torah, books, kippot and each other.

Here are the additional rules that apply specifically to children:

- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by, and stay with, their parent or supervisor. They must stay in the service room, unless they go on a supervised trip to the restroom.
- Children will not be permitted to take an unsupervised break from services to visit or play in other parts of the building.
- We are following the "Guidance for Wearing Face Masks in Public Settings" issued 11/4/2020 by Gov. Baker, which states:

“Any person in Massachusetts over the age of 5 years old is required to wear a mask or face covering over their mouth and nose when in a public location, whether indoors or outdoors, and even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

The use of a mask does not replace important social distancing measures. All individuals must continue to maintain more than 6 feet of distance from other people; wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; and stay home when sick.

Children under the age of 2 years should not wear face coverings or masks.

Masks or face coverings are encouraged but not required for children between the ages of 2 and 5. Parents and guardians should ensure that the mask fits snugly and does not obstruct a child’s ability to breathe.”

Please note that we are not yet offering Kiddush lunches after services. We ask that you review this information with your family before bringing your children back to services.

It is our hope that in the near future we will be able to see all of our TI families for services and programs. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director Gershon Levine by phone (508) 997-3171 or by email glevine@tinewbedford.org.

Sincerely,

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