

## UPDATED TES COVID POLICY November 2021

*The TES Board of Directors has updated the TES Covid Policy, **effective immediately**. These updates have been approved by the TES Covid Task Force, a group comprised of nurses, doctors, and health statisticians who are members of our congregation.*

*Our intention as a community is to come back to the TES campus in person, as safely as possible, guided by our Jewish Values of “pikuach nefesh” - preservation of life and “al tifrosh min ha-tzibbur” - not separating ourselves from the community.*

### **Proof of Vaccination**

Proof of vaccination will be requested for everyone (age 5 and older) upon entrance to all in-person events held inside the building including services, classes, and meetings. Proof of vaccination may also be requested for outdoor events. If proof of vaccination cannot be produced by an individual for any reason, the individual will respectfully be asked to NOT enter the building or the event.

*What is “proof of vaccination”?*

A vaccination card, a copy of the card, or a picture of that card on your phone.

*What if I cannot be vaccinated?*

Online access will continue to be available as an alternative method for community participation at services and other selected activities and events.

*What if I have a child under 5 years of age?*

TES is following the advice of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which advises that everyone over age 2 wear a face mask at events. For children who are younger than 2 years of age, mask wearing is optional, but socially distancing is advisable.

### **Masks**

Masks should be worn by all people who are using inside spaces. This is in accordance with the Mask Mandate of the City of Worcester, available here:

<http://www.worcesterma.gov/uploads/11/10/1110eba1ecf735dcb876d34286a4588b/emergency-regulation-requiring-face-covering-city-wide.pdf>

Masks are optional in outdoor spaces, social distance should be maintained even outdoors.

### **Food & Drink**

Currently, food and drink will not be served at any TES events. Individual beverages from home (water bottles etc.) may be sipped, with masks lowered and raised as appropriate. Staff may eat meals in the building if they are alone.

### **Hand sanitizers**

Hand sanitizer is scattered throughout the building; its use is encouraged.

### **Religious School and Kehillah High Covid Policies**

Adjustments to existing policies will be published soon.

**Thank you for helping keep our community safe!**

