



How will Shul services work at Chabad of S. Barbara?

COVID-19 Prevention Plan For all Staff, Congregants and Visitors

Safety First! While we are excited to slowly offer some davening opportunities, we continue to place safety as our primary concern.

Please read this carefully to prepare yourself for the safety protocol.

Prepared under the guidelines of:
The County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department
and
Chabad of California

Rabbi Mendel Loschak is responsible for ensuring that all these guidelines are adhered to.
Safety remains the primary factor in all decisions.

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Going to Shul
Quick Resource Guide:

1. Come to Shul healthy. If you are not feeling well, stay home. If you are over 65 years old, consult your doctor.
2. Wear a mask.
3. Seat 6 feet away from others not in your immediate household.
4. Bathrooms are restricted.
5. Services will be held outside.
6. No food. Kiddush will not be served until further notice.

Shul Guidelines for Attending Services

Before you come:

- Staff and Congregants/Visitors are to self-screen at home, for the following symptoms.
(More information is available in the [CDC guidelines](#).
 - Temperature Check (Do not attend with temperature over 100.4F
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- If you don't feel well, stay home! If you are over 65 years old or have a medical condition that may compromise your safety, please consult with your doctor to see if it is safe for you to attend.
- If you are not comfortable attending, please stay home, knowing that Jewish law places our health and safety as the primary concern.
- It is critical that you do not attend services if you or someone you live with have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Seek medical attention if your symptoms become severe, including persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips or face. Updates and further details are available on [CDC's webpage](#).

When you arrive:

- A greeter wearing gloves will open and close the main gate when possible, to avoid touching the handle.
- At the front gate, all participants will be screened by a trained greeter. Greeters will ask participants, “Did you self-screen for any symptoms of COVID-19?” In the case of a negative response, employee will screen with a temperature check, and/or symptom check.
- Signs are posted to remind congregants/visitors that they should use face coverings and practice physical distancing. Children under age two should not wear face coverings, in accordance with [CDC guidelines](#).
- Chabad Staff, Congregants, and Visitors are all asked to wear a mask when in the vicinity of others. Extra masks are available.
- Hand sanitizer is provided. It is important to practice Frequent handwashing with soap and water, including scrubbing with soap for 20 seconds (or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol when you cannot get to a sink or handwashing station).

Shul Setup and Sanitation Guidelines

- Services will take place outdoors only, with seats spaced at least 6 feet away from each other. Congregants are to enter and take their seat, and then leave directly from their seat to the exit.
- Participants will each have a prayerbook and Tallis designated for their individual use. Sharing items should be avoided wherever possible. Never share PPE.
- After each service, the shul will be disinfected.
- Shared public items (podium, bima) will be disinfected.
- Congregants are encouraged to store their own prayer shawl in their own storage bags.
- The water fountain, playground, classrooms and libraries are closed to the public.

Physical Distancing Guidelines

- Staff, and participants must always maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between all staff, congregants, and visitors, etc.
- Seats will be setup at least six feet away from each other. (When necessary, members of the same household may be seated together but should maintain at least six feet of distance from other households.)
- Services will be shortened as much as possible to only include the critical components that require in-person prayer.
- Children should remain in the care of those in their household unit and not interact with children of other parties at any time while visiting facilities. Our playground is closed. Services for children will only begin when we are able to confirm that at least six feet social distancing can be maintained.
- All shared washing cups and utensils have been removed.
- When washing is a required activity, modify practices whenever possible to limit splashing and the need to clean and disinfect washing facilities. Please wash at home prior to entering Chabad, if possible. Kohanim will wash their own hands.
- Face coverings are strongly recommended at all times for congregants/visitors and staff, especially when physical distance of at least six feet is not possible.
- Books will be placed on chairs for each individual prior to arrival. Staff should wear mask and gloves while putting out books, etc.
- Only one person should use each restroom (mens/womens) at one time to allow for physical distancing.
- To protect the health of our congregants, staff and congregants/visitors should refrain from engaging in handshakes, hugs, and similar greetings that break physical distance.
- No food service or kiddush will take place until further notice.
- Participants should not kiss any shared ritual objects, in accordance with [CDC guidelines](#). Aliyos to the Torah will be in accordance with the rabbinical directives of Chabad of California to maintain social distancing.
- Outside of the scheduled in-person services described above, Chabad continues to conduct all other services virtually, and our center is closed.
- In the event of more than 100 people for an outdoor service, or 18 for an indoor service, an online-registration system will be used to ensure adherence to the guidelines. Alternatively, multiple service times may be scheduled, with meeting areas cleaned as described above.