

# Revised COVID-19 Policies Effective February 9, 2022

KAM Isaiah Israel values the health and safety of our staff, clergy, tenants and community. During this unprecedented time, in collaboration with our COVID-19 Task Force, we continue to reassess our policies and protocols depending on the situation on the ground relative to COVID-19. As we monitor COVID-19 cases in Chicago, we are updating our policies and protocols on a regular basis. Additional requirements may be put in place as needed.

In general, if you are not feeling well or have cold, flu or other COVID symptoms, stay home.

## **Masking**

- KAM Isaiah Israel has a universal masking policy, regardless of vaccination status. All
  people entering the building are required to wear a mask.
- To protect yourself and others from COVID-19, CDC continues to recommend that you
  wear the most protective mask you can, that fits well and that you will wear consistently.
- Masking means that both your nose and mouth are covered. Masks should be under the chin and over the nose.
- Masks must be worn both inside and outside of the building.
- The only exception to masking is for those children under age 2. Children who are not eligible for vaccination, but older than age 2, will be required to wear a mask.

### Examples of recommended masks:

- KN95/KF94 or N95 mask
- Double surgical mask
- Double mask that is a cloth mask with surgical mask underneath

### Not recommended:

- Single cloth, double cloth, or single surgical mask
- Gaiters/scarves

KAM Isaiah Israel has a limited supply of disposable protective masks available in youth and adult size for people to supplement cloth masks or replace single masks.

# Meals / Eating / Drinking

Given the current situation, all food service for indoor public events has been suspended for the time being, with the exception of b'nei mitzvah private luncheons in the social hall.

### **Vaccination**

KAM Isaiah Israel expects all people participating in services, programs, or other activities to be fully vaccinated when eligible.

Current eligibility includes those age 5 and older.

According to the CDC, "fully vaccinated" means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines. We are not requiring a booster at this time but encourage those that are eligible to receive a booster dose/third dose, as recommended. This may change based on CDC guidelines as to what "fully vaccinated" means.

All KAM Isaiah Israel clergy, staff, teachers, and independent contractors are required to be up-to-date with vaccination no later than March 7, 2022 (six months after the Erev Rosh haShanah deadline). According to the CDC, "up-to-date" means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

### Policies/Protocols Still in Place

- Universal masking in all areas of the building, including lobbies, restrooms, playground, and parking lot
- Social distancing (6 feet) when feasible
- Hand sanitizer stations are provided throughout the building
- Minimizing gathering or large groups in hallways and entrance ways
- Air purifiers are to remain on at their highest speed
- Delivery drivers and guests are not permitted into the building for the time being

#### **Shabbat Services**

In person Shabbat services will resume on **Friday, February 11th**. All Shabbat services can also be streamed online at <u>kamii.org</u>, or on our Facebook page.

If you need assistance accessing our services and programming online, please email: kamii@kamii.org or call the office at 773-924-1234.

### **Other Events**

**Shoresh:** Shoresh will continue to meet with classroom based learning with enhanced mitigation strategies in place. Parents with questions or concerns should contact Lauren Reeves, Religious School Director.

**B'nei Mitzvah services:** A guide has been published to assist our b'nei mitzvah families with planning for their learner's simcha.

**Torah Study:** Torah study will resume in-person gatherings in the library on Saturday, February 12th. Torah studies and all other programming will also meet on Zoom, with links provided in the "This Week At KAMII" newsletter.

**Meetings**: In-person board, committee, and construction meetings will resume on Friday, February 11th.

**Private Events and Rentals:** Individuals who wish to hold a private event at KAM Isaiah Israel must comply with all current policies and protocols. KAM Isaiah Israel reserves the right to limit numbers of participants and guests at private events.

KAM Isaiah Israel's COVID-19 Task Force, as well as public health experts, agree that a strategy that includes both vaccines and masking is a powerful defense against COVID-19. A layered approach to COVID-19 (including vaccination) is the best one - limiting high-risk exposures, wearing masks indoors and in crowded outdoor settings, providing air circulation, and maintaining social distance from people who do not live in your household.

Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Nelson, Director of Operations, at <a href="mailto:snelson@kamii.org">snelson@kamii.org</a> or 773-840-2641 if you have any questions or concerns.