

Kehilla's Rental Guidelines & COVID Protocols

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Thank you for your interest in rentals at Kehilla. Our reopening guidelines are guided by our public health advisors and we now have a Kehilla Health and Safety Task Force, which is made up of a COVID Operation chief, Public Health Consultants and Kehilla members who will be setting our COVID protocols and revising them as needed when circumstances change. If you have questions, please contact Dee Ward, Office Manager, at dee@kehillasynagogue.org.

Our building is re-opened for rentals and everyone entering the building is **REQUIRED** to adhere to the protocols listed below. In particular, our **New Kehilla COVID Vaccination Policy** and masks are **required** at all times for indoor and outdoor events as established by the CDC, regardless of your vaccination status.

Our facility has gathering spaces appropriate for small meetings, intimate classes, larger celebrations, concerts, and events requiring "break-out" rooms.

The cost of renting our facility depends on many interdependent factors, such as the particular space(s), the date and time, whether we have staff already on site or whether we have to bring them in just for your event, and the amount of set-up and clean-up.

Please complete this form and provide the specific details needed to ensure the best guidance on your special event or meeting: [***Renting Our Facility***](#)

COVID Protocols/Policies

Rentals

We are requiring all rentals to adhere to Kehilla's COVID protocols, shared below, when the renter and participants are in public spaces.

Food at Kehilla Events

The Kehilla Health and Safety Task Force is developing an ongoing policy on serving food and drinks at Kehilla services and events. In the meantime, we will not be having food or beverages indoors, with the exception of ritual items.

New Kehilla COVID Vaccination Policy

Everyone using Kehilla for programs, event, services or meeting held (indoor or outdoor) is required to be vaccinated and will be asked to show evidence upon entry. Those who are not yet eligible for

vaccination or who have a medical condition that prevents them from being vaccinated will get a rapid COVID test and will be admitted if it is negative.

- All renters are **Required** to monitor vaccination status of their attendees and participants.
- All renters are also **Required** to provide their own rapid COVID tests.

Masks will continue to be required for all participants except leaders while they are leading.

The vaccine requirement is applicable to all events at Kehilla including rentals. A temporary exception will be made for rentals that serve children. Unvaccinated youth under 12 will be exempt from the testing requirement until seven weeks after vaccines become available. They will need to wear masks at all times. Renters who have youth participants, please inform Dee Ward via email.

This policy is subject to change in the future.

Indoor Events & Activities

For the time being, we will require that everyone wear a mask at all indoor public Kehilla programs, services and events. Masks are **REQUIRED** at all times for indoor and outdoor events as established by the CDC, regardless of your vaccination status. We will not be enforcing strict social distancing but do ask people to be thoughtful about keeping space from those not in their pods.

Outdoor events

Protocols are looser for outdoor events. Masks are mandatory and should be worn at all times for outdoor events.

Consent for Hugs and Touching

Pandemic or not, people have different needs, health risks and preferences around touching, hugging and close contact. All the more so now. Please check in with each other and get consent before moving in for a hug or reaching for a hand.

Hand Hygiene

Please continue to wash your hands frequently. Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water remains one of our best defenses against viral and bacterial illnesses.

Ventilation and Air Filtration

When possible, we will be keeping doors and windows open and Kehilla has HEPA filters in all of our rooms.

Health Protocols

With the health of our community in mind, Kehilla's Public Health and Safety Task Force has

developed an extensive set of Public Health Protocols which are applicable to all activities or programs held at Kehilla, including rentals:

Stay Home if Symptomatic - It continues to be essential that anyone experiencing ANY symptoms of potentially contagious illness should remain at home and access Kehilla events virtually, regardless of vaccination status or even if you have received a negative COVID test result. We know that staying at home due to mild symptoms may be a new practice for some of us—but this is an essential part of making our return to in-person events at Kehilla as safe and accessible as possible for all our community members.”

On-Site Protocols

- When arriving at Kehilla events, everyone will be required to show proof of vaccination.
- Those who are not yet eligible for vaccination or who have a medical condition that prevents them from being vaccinated will be given a rapid COVID test and will be admitted if it is negative.
- Masking will be required at all times when indoors at these Kehilla events, and outdoors when not eating or drinking.

COVID Variants

Much is still not known about the Omicron variant. We are continuing with our current protocols for in-person programming and, as we have done throughout the pandemic, we will remain flexible and adjust our plans as needed.