



New York State Gov., Andrew Cuomo, held a press briefing this week outlining the latest on COVID-19. He shared that there are new “cluster-zones” in the Western New York region and designated parts of Monroe County as “yellow zones” amid the increased number of positive COVID-19 tests in the local area.

Thanks to the work of our Reopening Committee, TBE was already compliant with the “yellow zone” regulations prior to this uptick including:

- **Worship:** 50% capacity at services. We have been operating at a much lower level of attendance for services in a space that can accommodate more than 1,000 people.
- **Mass Gatherings:** 25 people maximum indoors and outdoors. This has now changed to a maximum of 10 people.
- **Dining:** No eating in groups in doors - only kiddush to go.
- **Schools:** Limmud online only and Keshet in-person with comprehensive screening and CDC guidelines in place. We will follow public school system guidelines as to if/when in-person Keshet operations change.

TBE Officers and clergy met Tuesday to review our COVID policies. Going forward, and in concert with new “yellow zone” restrictions, the following precautions will take effect starting Friday, November 13:

- Weekday minyanim will be remote via Zoom.
- Shabbat (Saturday) will be the only in-person service and will continue to be simulcast via Zoom and Live Stream.
- Shabbat service attendance will be capped at 10 people with pre-registration required. You can register to attend services [HERE](#) or by calling the Main Office at 585.473.1770.
- Masks are required in the Sanctuary at ALL times by EVERYONE. The only permitted exception is the Bar/Bat Mitzvah when reading Haftorah and D'var.
- Plexiglass will be positioned around the shulchan as an additional barrier.

Please do your part to stay healthy and keep our community safe:

- **WEAR A MASK**
- Remain vigilant about hand washing and follow CDC/Monroe County recommended guidelines.
- Stick to NYS's Core Four:
  1. Stay Home
  2. Stay Apart
  3. Wear a face covering and keep hands clean.
  4. Get tested when you think that you might have been exposed or are experiencing any symptoms.

Click [here](#) for additional COVID-19 information and resources, including where to [find a local testing site](#).

Please contact the TBE Main Office or [Debbie Zeger](#) directly with questions.

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