

## **Congregation Bet Ha'am Health Screening Checklist**

The following screening tool has been developed for use by all congregants, visitors, volunteers, and prior to coming to the synagogue. This screening tool has been designed to identify individuals who may have COVID-19 and/or may be at increased risk for COVID-19 due to recent exposures, and to direct these individuals to not present to the synagogue to reduce the risk of transmission to others.

The screening checklist does NOT assess whether it is safe for an individual child or adult to participate in in-person gatherings at the temple or whether a child or adult has an increased risk for severe illness if they develop COVID-19.

All congregants, visitors, volunteers, and staff are asked to not come to Congregation Bet Ha'am if they are sick.

If you are in need of personal and/or spiritual support provided by our community, but are sick, have symptoms of COVID-19, or are at increased risk of transmitting COVID-19 due to recent exposures, please call the synagogue and explain your needs. A staff person and/or a volunteer can assess and respond to your request via telephone or video. It is the goal of the synagogue to serve all members of the community, whether a congregant is sick or not sick, in such a way that promotes health and is least likely to spread transmission of infection.

### *Message from Rabbi Saks:*

In Jewish tradition, the role of community is central. We are referred to as *Am Yisrael*, the Jewish People, not as *Dat Yisrael*, the Jewish Religion. Synagogues and Jewish communities are referred to in Hebrew as *Kehilah Kedoshah*, holy community. And in the Talmud (Shevuot 39a) we read, *Kol Yisrael arevim zeh ba-zeh*, all Jews are responsible for one another. This rabbinic principle is the basis of the notion of communal responsibility in Jewish law. If one Jew sees another Jew at the verge of sinning, they have an obligation to step in and help. Even more so, it implies an obligation on all Jews to ensure that other Jews have their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter met. Simply by virtue of being part of a Jewish community, one is responsible for the well-being of all other members of that community, and vice versa.

With this principle in mind we approach the work of reopening our building and outdoor space during the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Jewish tradition, each person considering in-person participation at Congregation Bet Ha'am must consider not only the risk posed to themselves, but also the risk to which they expose others who also choose to be present. In order for our community to be able to gather in person, we will rely upon the full honesty of each member of our community in self-screening. Consider not only your own desire to be in person, but what it means for you to be part of a holy community, to bear responsibility for the well-being of others. Each time you consider coming to Bet Ha'am for in-person programming, ask yourself, "Have I engaged in any behavior that will put others at risk?" This is what it means to be a holy community and to be responsible for one another.

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**Instructions:**

Please place a check mark in the box to indicate *yes* to any of the following symptoms and close contact/potential exposure questions. Please leave the box blank to indicate *no* to any of the following symptoms and close contact/potential exposure questions.

**SECTION 1: Symptoms**

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- Sore Throat
- New cough or difficulty breathing (for adults or children with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, this would include a change in cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Loss of taste or smell

**SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure**

- Had close contact (within six feet of an infected person for at least fifteen minutes) with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases (as described in the [Community Mitigation Framework](#))
- Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the [Community Mitigation Framework](#))

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Printed Name

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Date

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Signature (by parent or guardian if under 18 years old)

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Best contact number

All screening checklists will be stored at Bet Ha'am. We are not using an app at this time due to lack of clarity regarding how health information may be used, transferred, or sold online.