

July 22, 2021

LA County has changed their position on indoor mask mandates starting Sunday, July 18th. The Health Department has cited the rapid and sustained increase in Covid-19 cases as the reason for the return of indoor masking.

Due to this change, as of today, July 21, 2021, masks will be required indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you all for your continued patience and cooperation as we follow the county guidelines. Our number one priority is the health and safety of our members and our staff.

Golf course parking is now open!

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – closing after Friday Night Services

Please be mindful of the following guidelines currently in place at Temple Isaiah. There will be signage posted at all entrances reminding you of these protocols.

By coming on-site at Isaiah, you are self-attesting to the below conditions:

1. You have not had any of the following symptoms within the last 10 days: fever (at or above 100.4°F), chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

2. You are not currently subject to a Health Officer Isolation or Quarantine order.

3. You have not been in contact with a person known to have COVID-19 in the past 10 days, unless you are fully vaccinated.

**You may be asked to leave Temple property by an employee if you begin exhibiting any of the above symptoms or if it becomes known that you are subject to Health Officer order or have been in contact with a person known to have COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

Vaccinations

We strongly encourage all congregants and community members to get vaccinated as they become eligible. When coming on-site you may be

asked, in person or through a registration form, of your vaccination status. This is to protect those in our community, children under 12 or those with medical exemptions, who are unable to receive a vaccine at this time.

Masks *updated*

While indoors, masking is required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

While outdoors, masking is required for un-vaccinated individuals. We strongly encourage masking outdoors regardless of vaccination status, however it is not required of those vaccinated.

Please do not ask why your fellow congregants or staff members are masking. Vaccinated members may choose to stay masked even when not required.

Please note: We understand that State guidelines have recently come out to say no masks are required outdoors for any groups, vaccinated or unvaccinated, however we are choosing to take thoughtful steps towards that goal. As of now we are still requiring unvaccinated individuals to wear masks at all times, whether indoors or outdoors. We are continuously reevaluating our protocols and will send updates as we progress.

Friday Night Services are Outdoors in July

- Throughout all of July, we will be holding our Friday Night Services outdoors on the deck. All Isaiah families are welcome. RSVP is required and can be found on our Temple website.

- While outdoors, masking is optional for vaccinated attendees. Unvaccinated adults and children between 2 and 12 years old will be required to wear a mask. Seating will not be separated by family so please consider your comfort level before RSVPing for services.

- There will be no food served or allowed at Friday Night Services in July. Please bring reusable water bottles for yourself.

- We will continue to stream services on our Temple website and on Facebook for everyone who would like to join virtually.

B'nai Mitzvah Ceremonies

- Beginning August 1, we will offer indoor services in the Sanctuary as an option for B'nai Mitzvah Ceremonies. As we expect these gatherings to

include a mixture of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals (especially family/friends under age 12), all attendees will be expected to wear masks to achieve our highest level of safety, with the exception of Clergy and the B'nai Mitzvah Student (all vaccinated) who may choose to unmask for the ceremony.

- Vaccinated individuals coming up to the Bima to recite a blessing or aliyot may remove their mask during blessing and then promptly return to mask before being seated.
- Outdoor services are still available, if desired. Friday night service guidelines above will apply if choosing an outdoor service.
- There is no food served at B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies and we have not yet opened up to host post ceremony celebrations. We will continue to re-evaluate and provide future updates when we are ready for hosting events safely.

Adult Programming *updated*

- If attending an INDOOR event for any of Isaiah's adult groups, masking is required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.
- If attending an OUTDOOR event for any of Isaiah's adult groups, masking is optional for vaccinated attendees. Unvaccinated adults are required to wear masks.
- Food is permitted at adult-only programs, with the reminder that unvaccinated individuals are required to keep masks on unless they can keep a 6 ft distance. When indoors, vaccinated individuals may remove their mask while eating.

Scheduling in-person meetings with Clergy/Staff

- Our Clergy and Staff are now available for meetings, indoors or outdoors, based on comfortability of both congregant and staff member. Please reach out to us if you would like to meet with any of our clergy or staff for program ideas, lifecycle events or just a friendly life check in. We are excited to see you again in person and on campus!
- Before scheduling appointments, you will be asked your vaccination status to allow us to safely schedule meeting with appropriate protocols.
- Virtual meetings are still an option, if preferred.

High Holy Days 2021 *updated*

COVID-19 Protocol

As we continue to explore what services may look like this year, we want to acknowledge that these present higher risk scenarios as they will be large gatherings and people will be singing. Please make the right decision for yourself and your family as you decide whether you, as an adult member, would like to sign up for in person services. If you have underlying health issues or are part of a high-risk group, please discuss attending High Holy Days in person with your doctor before registering for HHD services. If you have already made reservations and would like to make any adjustments, please reach out to sheri@templeisaiah.com.

We encourage all members who are not vaccinated to join us again virtually this year. All our High Holy Day services will be accessible virtually this year. Whether you are with us in person or connecting with us virtually – we are grateful to be where we are now – welcoming our Isaiah family back into our collective home, our Sanctuary.

Please take a look [here](#) for our most recent announcement regarding our High Holy Day offerings this year. We will continue to provide updates as we gain more clarity in the weeks to come! Please remember to renew your membership early to gain access to the High Holy Day ticketing portal.

Thank You!

With deep gratitude for our Reopening Task Force who have responded to many phone calls and emails and spent many late nights discussing changing protocols to keep our community safe and healthy. This reopening wouldn't be possible without their support and thoughtfulness.

And thank you, our Isaiah family, for your cooperation and for working with us as we continue to re-evaluate and make changes in the months to come.

Please reach out to [Rabbi Dara](#) with any questions!