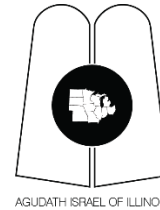


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Dear Chicago Jewish Community,

STAY HOME. SAVE LIVES.

Unfortunately, there has been a significant rise of COVID-19 cases in Chicago and the threat is very real. This is evident from the many Coronavirus related deaths on the East Coast and around the world. Yesterday alone, there was a 36% increase of cases in Illinois, and there are over 100 reported cases in our community. We have also unfortunately been informed that there are many community members not taking this as seriously as they need to. We therefore feel a sense of responsibility to **clearly and concisely review the precautions** that our community needs to adhere to diligently at this time.

- 1) **ABC Chart**- Please see the attached **ABC chart** for a more detailed understanding of necessary precautions. We must reiterate, **no minyanim** under any circumstances.
- 2) **Sharing Information**- Individuals that tested positive must share that information with those that they were recently in close contact with.
- 3) **Visiting for Pesach** - It is unfortunate, but at this time we must enforce a “No Visitors from out of Chicago Policy” for Pesach. This includes not allowing married children to come for Yom Tov (even if they were in self-quarantine for 14 days). Any exception made to this rule severely undermines our efforts at containment.
- 4) **Pesach Meals**- Families within Chicago should not be visiting and having meals with each other on Pesach. The dispensation of allowing guests after a 14 day quarantine (see chart) is only for individuals from Chicago that would otherwise be completely alone on Pesach.
- 5) **Elderly**- All elderly and immuno-compromised individuals should stay home. In addition, please remember that the most dangerous combination is the elderly and young children together. For the sake of the elderly, please keep the children away.

Everyone that listens to and follows all of the above is in fulfillment of the mitzvos of וְהָיָה בָהֶם and לֹא תַעֲמֹד עַל דַּם רַעֵךְ. Anyone that ignores or is lenient in any of the above is committing a grave sin by **putting their own lives and the lives of others in danger**.

STAY HOME. SAVE LIVES.

With wishes for רפואות וישועות בקרוב. בניסן נגאלו ובניסן עתידין להיגאל.

Rabbi Shmuel Fuerst

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Rabbi Shmuel Y. Levin

Rabbi Zev Cohen

Rabbi Leonard Matanky

Rabbi Boruch Hertz

On Behalf of the Rabbanim of Chicago

PS- According to all doctors and medical professionals this is a matter of pikuach nefesh. Please read the above letter carefully and strictly adhere to it.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

APPROVED
BY CHICAGO
DOCTORS
AND RABBONIM
UPDATED 3/27

Read carefully! EVERYONE falls into one of these three categories!

PERSON

A

TESTED
POSITIVE
FOR COVID-19
OR EXPERIENCING
SYMPTOMS

ISOLATION

Must be isolated from all individuals, including family members, and may not leave for any purpose until a doctor authorizes them to do so.

PERSON

B

DIRECT CONTACT
WITH PERSON A,
IMMUNOCOMPROMISED
OR ELDERLY

QUARANTINE

Individuals under quarantine must remain in their homes, without contact with the outside.

For those who are in quarantine as a result of contact with Person A, the duration of quarantine is minimum of 14 days.

PERSON

C

GENERAL
COMMUNITY

“SHELTER IN PLACE”

The general community should not leave home for any nonessential activities. When they do leave their home, all rules of social distancing must be followed.

“Stay Home; Save Lives”

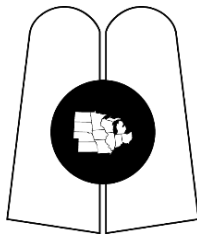
“Essential Activities” may include grocery shopping, medical-related travel and getting fresh air.

Individuals who tested positive must share that information with those that they were recently in close contact with.

Please consider utilizing one of the several services being offered to those who should not leave their homes.

Anyone experiencing any of the typical symptoms or flu/cold like symptoms should treat themselves as Person A until they consult a medical professional.

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE CHICAGO COVID-19 HOTLINE: (224) 534 - 9867 OR VISIT www.jewishchicago.info



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