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To the members of our Baltimore Community,

Notwithstanding recent public discussion about the loosening of social distancing restrictions, the Vaad HaRabbonim reiterates its strongly held belief and mandate that all previously announced social distancing protocols must continue in full force. We want to specifically reinforce the prohibition on the creation of minyanim (in private homes, porches and backyards) and hosting out of town company. We urge our community to adhere to the guidelines limiting social contact to the people within your home. We know that current conditions have been very difficult. But, please take comfort in the fact that B'Ezras Hashem, your efforts and sacrifices have made a dramatic difference and have saved lives.

We encourage all of those who B"H will be celebrating weddings in the coming weeks and months to contact weddings@jccovid.com. We have a team of rabbonim and infectious disease experts who will gladly work with the baalei simcha to develop halachically and medically-appropriate wedding arrangements.

Please continue to do your part. We daven that the merit of our collective actions should bring forth the Ribbono Shel Olam's refuah (healing) and yeshua (deliverance) for our Baltimore community, for Klal Yisrael, and for all members of our global society.