



## **Anshe Emet Revised Policies - As of 2/10/2022**

Anshe Emet values the health and safety of our staff, clergy and community. During this unprecedented time, in collaboration with our Health and Safety committee, we continue to assess and reassess our policies and protocols depending on the situation on the ground relative to COVID-19.

As of the week of 2/6/2022, the COVID-19 positivity rate in the City of Chicago is well below 5%. The daily case rate is less than 20 per 100,000 people. Therefore, we are lifting restrictions on gathering for meals and snacks. We have updated the guidelines to reflect this improvement of the local situation.

Please note that masks can be removed when you are actively eating or drinking. They should be worn at all other times.

**As always, if you or someone in your family is not feeling well or have cold, flu or other COVID symptoms, please stay home and consult with your medical provider.**

### **Masking**

- Anshe Emet has a universal masking policy, regardless of vaccination status. All people entering the building are required to wear a mask that is well fitted.
- Masking means that both your nose and mouth are covered. Masks should be under the chin and over the nose.
- The only exception to masking is for those children under age 2. Children who are not eligible for vaccination, but older than age 2 will be required to mask.

Mask recommendations from CDC for best protection for yourself and others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

- KN95/KF94 or N95 mask
- Double mask that is a cloth mask with surgical mask underneath
- Well fitted and layered single mask that covers the nose and chin

Not acceptable:

- Gaiters/scarves

Anshe Emet will have a limited supply of surgical masks available for people to supplement cloth masks or replace single masks that aren't well fitted. However, we encourage you to properly mask as we may run out of masks. We appreciate your compliance with this requirement.



### **Meals/Eating/Drinking**

There are no restrictions on food after services, during religious school or other programs and activities.

Masks may be removed by congregants when they are actively eating/drinking in place. Masks must be worn at all other times while participating in programs.

### **Vaccination**

It continues to be the expectation of Anshe Emet that all people participating in services, events or other activities with Anshe Emet – including those outside of the building and sponsored by Anshe Emet – are fully vaccinated if eligible.

Current eligibility includes those age 5 and older. If you have a medical or religious exemption, please contact Mimi Weisberg, Executive Director, to discuss.

Current definition of fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after second dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. 2 weeks after Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are not requiring a booster at this time, but encourage those that are eligible to receive a booster dose/third dose as recommended. This may change based on CDC guidelines as to what “fully vaccinated” means.

### **Proof of Vaccination**

**Anshe Emet does NOT require proof of vaccination for participation in events/services. However it is expected that if you are able to be vaccinated and boosted, that you are taking these steps to protect yourself and others.**

### **Policies/Protocols Still in Place**

- Universal masking in all areas of the building, including restrooms
- Social distancing (6 feet) when feasible
- Minimizing gathering or large groups in hallways and entranceways
- Bimah protocols require masking for non-clergy participating in services, including Torah readers

### **Babysitting and Children Who Are Not Eligible for Vaccination**

Anshe Emet welcomes children into our building. As described above, children under age 2 will not be required to mask. Those children who are not able to be vaccinated and are older than age 2, must wear a mask at all times.



### **Shabbat Services**

Services will be in person. The main sanctuary service is always live streamed for those that are not comfortable attending in person – or are not able to attend in person.

### **Private Events**

Individuals who wish to hold a private event at Anshe Emet must comply with all current policies and protocols. If the event includes food, it is recommended that all invited guests have proof of vaccination, similar to current city of Chicago guidelines for indoor eating establishments. Anshe Emet reserves the right to limit numbers of guests to private events.