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Temple Israel Offices  are Closed  Until Further Notice Due to Covid 19 Concerns. Please join us for services and events online.

Stay Healthy & Safe

Dear Temple Israel Community,

Your congregational leadership and clergy want to make you aware of how we are monitoring the coronavirus outbreak and the recommendations we are making to insure everyone’s safety.

We have no information that any congregant or any personnel have been exposed to the virus. This is excellent news! Life within Temple Israel will continue as usual. Obviously, if this situation should change, we will immediately inform you.

As a community we have always insured everyone’s welfare, but now we must increase our vigilance down to the individual level. Even though you have probably heard and seen the various recommendations, they bear repeating:

* **Do not come to services, events, classes, or meetings, if you are sick or symptomatic. If you believe you have contracted the symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.**
* **Properly cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.**
* **Washing hands thoroughly and frequently is the most effective preventive act you can take. This ought to include not sharing towels at any location including your home. Paper towels work wonderfully.**
* **Touching others is a no-no! This includes touching the Torah and others. Affectionate greetings can be done through smiles, waves, and Shaloms.**
* **At public events do not touch food with your hands! Serving utensils are there for a purpose.**
* **We are doing our utmost to maintain the cleanliness of all surfaces, including counters, sinks, and soap and hand sanitizers.**
* **If you have not done so, get a flu shot!**

The very best thing we can do in a situation like this is to stay informed and work together to make decisions that maximize the well-being of our community. It is important to not panic or spread rumors. Staying informed is key, so use trustworthy sources.

Lastly, there is, unfortunately, a fair amount of mis-information being spread, and it is difficult sometimes to discern what is trustworthy. Here are some of the sources we are monitoring to stay informed:

* [2020 Coronavirus Fact Sheet, Cleveland Public Health](https://mcusercontent.com/df30886b2572f34fd25266b76/files/47ec60bb-3255-4a2e-9f11-8ef80101e7d9/Novel_Coronavirus_Fact_Sheet_03_05_2020.pdf)
* [The Ohio Department of Health,](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus/2019-nCoV)COVID-19 Resources for Local Health Districts and Providers
* [CDC Coronavirus Information Page](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you need assistance.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Sharon Mars

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