

COVID Policy Update

March 7, 2022

Dear Members,

Amid rapidly falling COVID cases in our nation and local area, the Health and Safety Committee met on February 15 to discuss policy changes in light of these developments. Our policy has always met or exceeded CDC recommendations, and as a result, we have decided to make the following changes:

If COVID-19 Community Levels in Mercer and Bucks counties, as defined by the CDC, are in the **“high” (orange)** range, our current restrictions will stay in place:

Everyone attending Adath programs, services, and meetings must show proof of vaccination and wear a mask (N/KN95). No food may be eaten in doors.

If COVID-19 Community Levels in Mercer and Bucks counties, as defined by the CDC, are in the **“medium” (yellow)** range, the following changes will apply:

You will not need to be vaccinated to attend Adath programs, services, and meetings, but everyone must wear a mask (N/KN95). Food may be served, and you may remove your mask to eat, but only while seated.

If COVID-19 Community Levels in Mercer and Bucks counties, as defined by the CDC, are in **“low” (green)** range, the following changes will apply:

The wearing of masks will be optional, and no restrictions will apply to the serving of food.

Please refer to this following chart for a summary:

COVID-19 Community Levels - Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days

For more information on community transmission levels in our area, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

If Bucks and Mercer counties are at different COVID-19 community levels, Adath will follow the more restrictive level between the two. As of March 7, 2022, both Mercer and Bucks are in the “low” level. Therefore, Adath’s current level is **“low” (green)**. Each week, the Adath office will monitor levels, publish the information in the Adath weekly email, and post it at the entrance to the building. As always, the Health and Safety Committee will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe and be well.

Rabbi Benjamin Adler – Chair, Health and Safety Committee