

## Congregation Agudas Achim COVID-19 Guidelines

Developed by the Community Health Committee  
and approved by the CAA Board on 03/28/2023.

This revision reflects thoughtful discussion by the Community Health Committee, with input from other members of the CAA community. We aim to honor our values of quality and inclusivity and to ensure safer access to services for the most vulnerable members of our community.

### IMPORTANT:

If you are experiencing any new symptoms, even if you test negative, wait 5 days to return to synagogue activities.

When the [weekly case rate for Bristol County, MA](#) is at or below 10.5 per 100,000 population, there are **no covid precautions**. Use the grid below **only** when the case rate is above 10.5.

### INDOORS

*Shading indicates a change between levels.*

CDC Community Level for Bristol County, MA	Low	Medium	High
Vaccination <sup>1</sup>	Encouraged but not required	Encouraged but not required	Encouraged but not required
High-quality Masks <sup>2, 3</sup>	Optional for all synagogue events.	Optional for all synagogue events.	Required for <b>all services and activities</b> , except for Hebrew school classes, which will only require masking if leadership so directs.
Food	Yes	Yes	In general, outside only.  For Hebrew school events, when masks are required, food can only be outside. When masks are not required, food is allowed inside.

<sup>1</sup>While we are no longer requiring vaccinations, we encourage vaccinations because they greatly reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19 for many people.

<sup>2</sup>High-quality masks are defined as well-fitting masks like N95, KN95, KF94. Wearing a mask not only protects you but also protects the most vulnerable members of our community. Additionally, the service leader may be unmasked if comfortable.

<sup>3</sup>Event hosts may choose to require masks

## OUTDOORS

CDC Community Level for Bristol County, MA	Low	Medium	High
Vaccination <sup>1</sup>	Encouraged but not required	Encouraged but not required	Encouraged but not required
High-quality Masks <sup>2</sup>	Optional	Optional	Optional
Food	Yes	Yes	Yes

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### Guidelines for All Events

- We encourage each individual to consider their own personal risk factors, such as pre-existing health conditions, as they decide when and how to participate in synagogue activities.
- If you are experiencing any new symptoms, even if you test negative, wait 5 days to return to synagogue activities.
- If you have had a close exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you not attend any synagogue events until after 5 days from exposure. If you test negative and are asymptomatic after the 5th day, you may attend synagogue events if you wear a high-quality mask inside through the 10th day from exposure. No test or mask is required after 10 days.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, we encourage you not to attend any synagogue events for at least 5 days and until you test negative on a rapid test. At a minimum, you must follow current [CDC isolation guidelines](#).

### Masks

If you choose to wear a mask, we recommend wearing a high-quality, well-fitting mask like N95, KN95, or KF94 during indoor activities. Masks will be provided in sizes for all ages. Wearing a mask not only protects you but also protects the most vulnerable members of our community.

### CDC Community Level Determination

[CDC Community Levels](#) (low, medium, or high for each US county) are updated weekly and are calculated based on a combination of data: 1) new hospital admissions for COVID-19 per 100,000 people, 2) percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 (7-day average), and 3) new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in the past 7 days.

When there is a change to the [current level for Bristol County, MA](#) (low, medium, or high), it will be communicated to the congregation.

### Exposure

If you develop symptoms or test positive within 2 days of attending a synagogue event, we encourage you to let the office know so that we can send out a message to inform attendees and ask them to follow [CDC exposure guidelines](#).