



Clarification of the New Protocols and exposure

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With several questions re: my previous email, I feel it is important to send the following:

The new protocols are for "**going forward**", if you knowingly are exposed to someone with COVID ie live in the same house, shared a meal together, constantly talking "face to face" and you find out they tested positive for COVID, then the NEW PROTOCOL is, YOU MUST **BE CLEARED** by your doctor before coming to shul or stay out of the shul for 14 days.

Needless to say, if you are not feeling well, have a fever, loss of taste etc do not come into the shul before you are cleared by your health care provider. A cough is tricky because some people have a chronic cough. We are trusting that you know yourself and if you have a cough which is not chronic, for the sake of others, you will seek medical advice.

PLEASE NOTE. sharing who the person was, is not helpful as people are walking around etc. AND people are spreaders too. I will tell you that there was one woman on RH and one man on Shabbos that was in shul and tested positive. If you feel that I am wrong, feel free to discuss it with the Rav. Until now, the Rav has backed me up on not sharing such information.

If you want to understand what exactly makes you "exposed" in a shul setting, please call your doctor and state that you were in shul for several hours and someone tested positive. You can also share that we have a UV-C system.

As far as the shul is concerned, we are not asking people to take tests due to those who were positive because no one davens facing another person. We also have a UV-C system in place. And because the health care system has a much better handle on how to treat COVID. However, as mentioned above, if you are interacting with someone, that is much different and that is where the shul will now require you to be cleared by your doctor.

AGAIN, this is why, if you enter the shul building you are at your own risk! No different than going to a restaurant or similar to swimming at your own risk. There are risks involved with everything we do, and ONLY YOUR doctor can help you decide what to do.

I hope this clarifies things for people.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous year!

Yaakov Grunstein,
president

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