

# MRT



Plans for Re-  
opening  
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2020/2021

# How can we re-open and...

- ▶ Follow health regulations
- ▶ Keep everyone involved



# The challenges

- Form a Task Force
- Research stages of re-opening, precautions, clarify legal liability...
- Prepare the building
- Communicate with the congregation



## **What is Needed:**

- Clear priorities
- Different plans for different stages of re-opening
- Plans to adjust the policies as needed



# Stages of Re-Opening in New Jersey



**MAXIMUM RESTRICTIONS:** More than 25 new cases daily per 100K population = uncontrolled community spread

- ▶ Most staying at home, activity largely limited to crucial activities

**STAGE 1 RE-OPENING:** 10-24 new cases daily per 100K pop. & other indicators show escalating to steady community spread

- ▶ Restrictions relaxed on low-risk activities if appropriately safeguarded

**STAGE 2 RE-OPENING:** 1-9 new cases daily per 100K pop. & other indicators show continued potential for community spread

- ▶ Additional activities permitted that can easily be safeguarded

# Stages of Re-Opening in New Jersey

**STAGE 3 RE-OPENING**: Less than 1 new case daily per 100K pop. indicating being close to containment

- ▶ Definition: Most activities allowed with significant safeguarding

**NEW NORMAL**: Less than one new case daily per 100K pop. and either wide-spread surveillance testing/contact tracing/isolation OR wide-spread immunity

- ▶ Definition: Economic and social activities back to normal with a new resilience

# How are we doing?

Step 1: Collect daily data

Date	Ocean County		Monmouth Cnty.		Mercer County	
	New cases	New/100,000	New cases	New/100,000	New cases	New/100,000
July 26	36	5.9	35	5.7	18	4.9
July 27	33	5.4	51	8.2	17	4.6
July 28	57	9.4	44	7.1	30	8.2
July 29	41	6.8	34	5.5	18	4.9
July 30	27	4.4	21	3.4	14	3.8

# How are we doing?

Step 2: Look at trend over 2 weeks

Two-week span		Median number new cases/ 100K population	Re-opening phase
July 2 to	July 13	<b>3.6</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>
July 14 to	July 27	<b>4.8</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>
July 28 to	August 10		

# High Holidays

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# Policies and Procedures for Stage 2

- ▶ Personal behavior
- ▶ Physical set-up in the building
- ▶ Paperwork

# HHD's Personal Behavior Attendees will:

- ▶ Follow signage regarding which entrance and exit to use, hall pathways and precautions to maintain physical distancing
- ▶ Wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when in the building, EXCEPT when speaking on the *bima*
- ▶ Maintain spacing of at least 6 feet from any other person not in their immediate family
- ▶ Submit the MRT Respiratory Infection Risk Screening form upon entering the building. This may be completed at home or upon arrival

# Screening Form

**In the past 14 days have you:**

1. Traveled domestically or internationally (by airplane, train, bus)
2. Traveled on a cruise ship or crowded train/subway
3. Been in other settings where people were confined in an indoor space for more than 15 minutes, for example, a restaurant, bar, conference, or party
4. Been diagnosed with COVID-19
5. Been in quarantine or under suspicion of exposure to COVID-19
6. Had any of the following signs or symptoms: respiratory illness, fever, new onset cough or changes in a chronic cough, diarrhea, fatigue, chills, body aches, loss of smell or taste
7. Been in close physical contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 infection

# HHD's continued

- ▶ Limit the number of people in a restroom at the same time to the capacity listed on the door of the restroom
- ▶ Report any COVID-related illness to their medical care provider. This will allow medical or health department personnel to obtain contact information for anyone who may need COVID testing.

# If you don't feel safe returning now...

- ▶ If you do not feel safe returning at this time, you are not alone
- ▶ Remember approved capacity is 25% of normal at this stage
- ▶ HHD services will still be live streamed
- ▶ You will have the opportunity to borrow an MRT *machzor* ...

*and...*



# Those attending will be asked to verify that they understand the current level of risk

## **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING – STAGE 2 RE-OPENING**

This is to verify that I, the undersigned, am fully aware that Monmouth Reform Temple (MRT) is resuming limited religious services during New Jersey Stage 2 of Re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic. I will observe all the requested or posted precautions. Further, I understand that while MRT clergy, staff and members have attempted to minimize risk of infection, there still is risk of infection from being indoors, from not having specialized ventilation systems and by spending time with people who are not part of my immediate family.

Printed name\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

# HHD's continued

For those reading from the bima:

- ▶ Limit who is coming into the building to those who have a reading or bima honor
- ▶ Participants should arrive 5-10 minutes before the time they are scheduled to allow time for any questions about procedure and completing the screening/waiver forms
- ▶ Persons performing readings will use a designated stand microphone and must refrain from touching the microphone
- ▶ Discard the copied pages readings after they have finished reading

# Physical Facility Precautions

- ▶ Contact surfaces will be disinfected prior to and after any event
- ▶ Hand sanitizer shall be provided
- ▶ Surgical masks shall be available
- ▶ One or two greeters will be at each entrance to assist with screening forms and ask anyone who does not agree with these requirements to leave
- ▶ Greeters or staff that will get closer than 6 feet must wear a mask, face shield and gloves

# Facility precautions continued

- ▶ The door at the rear of the social hall will be open during an event to provide some ventilation
- ▶ One quiet fan will be placed facing the bema where readers will stand to provide some directional air flow
- ▶ MRT staff will send emails to notify members of COVID-19 Stage changes
- ▶ If conditions deteriorate to Stage 1 or become uncontrolled, participation will be limited to live streaming



# Public Health Precautions

- ▶ Attendees are asked to report any COVID-like illness to their own medical care provider and to notify MRT if they test positive within 14 days after an event.
- ▶ MRT staff will provide contact information when requested by verified medical or health department staff using information on file in the MRT office.
- ▶ If you have had a recent change in contact information, please provide updated information on the MRT Respiratory Infection Screening form.





**Welcome Back to MRT !**