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# Temple Beth Israel

Effective February 17, 2023

TBI is transitioning to a mask optional policy to reflect relatively low rates of COVID-19, the availability of effective and widely available vaccines and drug treatments, and access to high-quality masks that protect against disease transmission. This Board-approved policy aligns TBI with our local community and other synagogues across the country. For now, TBI will continue to require masks in the sanctuary for religious observances out of special deference to those for whom the sanctuary fees like a unique place of health safety. The new policy is outlined below.

## - Reopening Task Force

1. Masking is required for Shabbat and holiday observances that occur in the sanctuary. Masks must cover the nose and mouth for everyone except for those actively leading.
  - a. The Reopening Task Force may require masks on a case-by-case basis at certain high-density events.
2. For any other program and at all other times and locations, masking is optional when Lane County COVID-19 risk levels are low or moderate based on CDC guidelines.
3. If Lane County's COVID-19 risk level escalates to high, based on CDC guidelines, masking will automatically be required by all participants at all programs, with the exception of preschool students.
4. TBI will determine masking policy for preschool students based on best practices communicated by the State of Oregon.
5. Congregants and guests should stay home and engage remotely when they are sick or think they have been exposed.
6. We support those who choose to wear masks to protect their health and the health of their family and friends and encourage anyone who makes this choice to feel comfortable and welcome at TBI.