

**THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE
HEALTH AND SAFETY COVENANTS**

My attendance at in-person religious services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Emanuel Synagogue (the “Synagogue”) for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic is subject to the following mutual understandings and covenants:

1. Jewish values help guide the Synagogue’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- *Pikuah Nefesh* (“Safeguarding Life”) is a bedrock principle of Jewish law and supersedes most other obligations or mitzvot. To that end, the Synagogue is striving to ensure that the resumption of in-person religious services and other programs preserves life first and foremost.
- *Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Bazeh* (“We Are Responsible for One Another”) requires that each member of the Synagogue community look out for the health and safety of one another.
- *She’at Hadehak* (“Extraordinary Moment”) recognizes that Jewish life always has adjusted in times of emergency and crisis, and counsels that the Synagogue community be willing to change expectations and operations, and be flexible in Jewish practice as informed by commitments to authentic modes of interpretation of our tradition, for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *Sakanat Nefshot* (“Endangering Life”) requires the Synagogue to honor the needs of congregants, clergy and staff when they have individual circumstances requiring alternative forms of participation in religious services or other programs to reduce risk to themselves or to those with whom they live.

2. The Synagogue is responsible for the health and safety of the Synagogue community as a whole.

I understand that the Synagogue has adopted guidelines and implemented procedures intended to provide an overall healthy and safe environment for the resumption of in-person religious services and other programs. These guidelines and procedures are intended to comply with all applicable Federal, state and local government laws and guidance, and are based on the recommendations of the Emanuel Synagogue COVID-19 Task Force, including the Medical Subcommittee of the Task Force.

3. I am responsible for my personal health and safety, and that of my minor children and guests.

I also understand that the Synagogue cannot make health or safety recommendations for any individual congregant, minor child, and/or guest, and that attendance at in-person services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Synagogue includes potential exposure to risk of serious illness, health complications, and/or death from COVID-19. I will consult my personal physician regarding any personal health and safety issues for myself and my minor children, prior to attending in-person religious services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Synagogue. Likewise, I understand that my guest(s) should consult their own personal physician(s) regarding any personal health and safety issues prior to attending in-person religious services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Synagogue.

4. The Synagogue will provide remote access to religious services and other programs.

I understand that the Synagogue intends to continue providing and expanding access to, and increased participation in, religious services and other programs via Zoom (or similar video conferencing technology) or live streaming to the best of its capabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, daily Minyan, Friday night and Saturday Shabbat services, High Holy Days, and other holiday/Yom Tov services.

5. If I choose to attend in-person, then I will follow the health and safety policies and procedures.

If I choose to attend in-person religious services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Synagogue, then I agree to follow the health and safety guidelines and procedures posted on the Synagogue website, rules set forth on signage posted at the Synagogue, the directions of clergy and staff, and/or the requests of lay volunteers assisting at such services or programs. I further understand and agree that the Synagogue health and safety guidelines and procedures may be modified, amended, or changed, from time-to-time, and that I am agreeing to follow the guidelines and procedures that are in effect on the date(s) of my attendance at in-person religious services or other programs at, or sponsored by, the Synagogue.

