

Congregation Beth Emeth Covid-19 Food Service Policy

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The purpose of this document is to articulate a synagogue-wide policy for safe food service management amid the Covid-19 Pandemic. The intent is to provide synagogue staff, congregants, and guests with clear information about the way food and beverages are served in the synagogue building in a safe and compliant way.

This policy applies to all events with food and beverages, held in the CBE building, without exception. The policy will remain in effect until the Congregation Beth Emeth Board of Trustees, using the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Delaware Division of Public Health, and the Beth Emeth Covid-19 Medical Advisory Board determines that it is safe and advisable to modify the policy.

The Policy

Kitchen

1. Prior to any event in which food and/or beverages are served, the kitchen will be thoroughly cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected, with CDC recommended cleaning products. This will include, but not be limited to, countertops, worktables, the outside of appliances, sinks and floors.
2. Disposable dishes cups and utensils must be used for all food and beverage consumption.
3. Glass, silver, silver plated, or plastic serving dishes, utensils, and chafing dishes, may be used, and must be run through the automatic dishwasher before and after each use.
4. Only caterers and necessary staff and/or designated volunteers, all of whom have been trained in safe food service, will be permitted in the kitchen during an event where food is being prepared/served.
5. All personnel working in the kitchen must wear face masks, disposable food-safe gloves, and disposable aprons.

Social Hall

Kiddush/Oneg

1. Eight-foot tables will be set up with protective Plexiglas on the tables between the food and the guests.

2. Disposable cups, plates and utensils will be used for all food and beverages.
3. All food and beverages will be served by caterers, staff, or designated volunteers, all of whom have been trained in safe food service.
4. All personnel serving food must wear face masks, disposable food-safe gloves, and disposable aprons.
5. All guests are required to wear face masks except when eating or drinking.
6. Eating and drinking by guests, will only be permitted while sitting at designated tables.
7. Social distancing of at least six feet between guests is require.

Kiddush Luncheons

1. Buffet or sit-down service is permitted.
2. The number of confirmed guests must be provided one week in advance, per rental agreement, to ensure adequate seating.
3. If buffet service is utilized, all food and beverages will be served by caterers, staff, or designated volunteers, all of whom have been trained in safe food service.
4. Guests in the buffet line must be spaced at least six feet apart. The floor in front of the buffet tables will be marked as a guide to appropriate social distancing.
5. If sit-down service is utilized, pre-plated meals will be served to each guest at each table.
6. Communal bread baskets, beverage containers or condiments will not be permitted on the tables. Caterers or staff will distribute single service bread, rolls, water, soda, etc.
7. All guests are required to wear face masks except when eating or drinking.
8. All dining tables must be spaced at least six feet apart. A maximum of four guests will be permitted at each dining table whether eight-foot rectangular tables or 72" diameter round tables are used.
9. All guests are required to wear face masks except when eating or drinking.
10. When not sitting at a table, social distancing of at least six feet, must be maintained. Notwithstanding social distancing, face masks must always be worn, except when eating or drinking at designated tables.

General Policies and Rules

1. CBE staff or designated volunteers will take the temperatures of catering staff before catering staff enter the building. Any catering staff person with a

temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, will not be permitted to work in the building on that day/evening.