

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the authorities for Pinellas County, Florida, (See: <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/>), this first step is a "soft opening," not a full opening. Our procedure comes directly from the protocol given to us by the State and County at the link cited above. Essentially, the protocol is as follows:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** All attendees must be seated six feet apart. The sanctuary will be pre-arranged to accommodate this, and volunteers will assist as well. Please also remain six feet apart when not seated.
- **GROUPS:** All groups of 10 people or less (whether couples, families, or friends who arrive together) can be seated together without distancing, (just like groups at restaurants). However, groups must remain six feet apart from the next group or individual. If you arrive together you can sit together. The guidelines call for a common-sense, practical approach to this. TNJ personnel will assist.
- **FEELING SICK:** If you are feeling sick, or have been recently sick, please do not come. Let us know, and we will pray for you. But please stay home and watch the livestream.
- **VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS:** If you have any serious pre-existing health condition, maybe you should continue to shelter in place, and give it some more time before attending Shabbat. Especially if you are a Senior citizen. It's up to you. But you might want to consider consulting your physician first.
- **MASKS:** Masks and/or face-coverings are optional.
- **CLEAN HANDS** – please bring your own hand sanitizer. TNJ will provide what we have, but sanitizer is scarce, so help us preserve our supply. Please sanitize and/or wash your hands in the bathroom as much as reasonably possible.
- **FACILITIES:** The facilities are professionally cleaned on Friday before service. TNJ volunteers will also take measures to continue sanitizing door handles, chairs, tables, etc.
- **AVOID CONTACT** – It's hard to do, but please don't give handshakes or hugs (family members exempt). Show Messiah's love with a smile or a kind greeting.
- **QUESTIONS** – If you have any doubts, hesitations, or are just too anxious about attending at this time, we recommend you stay home and watch the livestream. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to submit them and we'll do our best to give you an answer. Shabbat shalom!