



Congregation Beth Yam

AN Update About CBY's COVID Mask Requirement

The Island Packet recently reported that the coronavirus transmission rates have reached “moderate” levels in Beaufort and Jasper Counties according to CDC data. According to the paper, “Federal health officials say that fully vaccinated people in Beaufort and Jasper counties do not have to wear face masks in indoor public places.” The CDC recommends that unvaccinated people in Beaufort and Jasper counties wear face coverings in indoor retail settings and restaurants.

However, the newspaper goes on to suggest that COVID19 safety protocols should not be discarded. They note that Dr. Jane Kelly, South Carolina’s Assistant State Epidemiologist, has issued a warning that the State of South Carolina may experience a surge in COVID19 infections during the 2021 holiday season. In effect, she has described COVID19 as having a “roller-coaster up-and-down cycling” pattern, suggesting the likelihood that Beaufort and Jasper Counties may still see higher COVID19 infection rates in the near future.

Given COVID19’s unpredictability, and the likelihood that COVID19 may pose a serious health threat during and after the holidays, **CBY will continue to require that masks be worn by anyone entering the synagogue, and that all individuals provide proof of their COVID19 vaccinations.**

We look forward to the time when masks are no longer needed, and we will notify you as soon as that is safe to do.

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