

YGW Travel and Simcha/Activity Guidelines

Travel

The following travel activity by a student or staff member requires a 10-day waiting period from the last date of travel

1. Any international travel
2. Any travel to an area identified as high-risk “hotspot” either at the state or county level, as defined by Harvard Global Health (25 cases per 100k, please refer to <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/> for individual state and county data). As of the day of this communication, New York and New Jersey, and the specific counties in which the majority of frum communities exist - are red zones. These designations change on a daily basis, so please check immediately prior to and after your trip. Any Pesach program will be considered a red zone on the assumption that there will be multiple families from high-risk communities.
3. Any public travel in which masks were not worn for the duration of the flight/trip. This applies to travel by public bus and train as well as air travel.

Simcha/Gathering

There are many variables that go into determining the safety of a simcha, minyan, or other gathering. The following parameters provide a general guideline for such gatherings:

1. Does Not Require Quarantine: Outdoors, 6-feet of distance maintained between households, masks worn at all times except during eating
2. Does Not Require Quarantine: Indoors, 6-feet of distance maintained between households, masks worn at all times except during eating, capacity limits meet local state and county regulations
3. Requires Quarantine: Indoor or outdoor gathering where there is less than 6 feet of distancing OR no masks OR capacity limit does not meet local state or county regulations

Hosting or joining together with other families:

- 3 or more households that gather together have the designation of a “gathering” and would be subject to the guidelines above.
- A fully vaccinated household does not count towards this designation. Those who have recovered from confirmed Covid within the last 90 days, or those who have a negative Covid pcr test done within 3 days prior, also will not count towards this designation.
- It should be understood that hosting/joining with an individual that has been exposed to Covid or is exhibiting Covid-like illness would automatically require a move to virtual learning.

Vaccination

For those individuals who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks post a 2nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine, or 2 weeks after the single dose J&J vaccine), modifications can be made to the above policies. Per a recent CDC update, vaccinated individuals can be unmasked indoors when in the presence of other vaccinated individuals. Vaccinated individuals can also remain unmasked indoors when in the presence of unvaccinated people from **1** other family as long as they are low risk and without Covid-like symptoms. There is no need to quarantine or get tested following exposure as long as no symptoms are present. Masks and distancing should still be maintained in public areas, large gatherings should still be avoided, and continue to closely monitor for symptoms, especially if exposed.

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