



# הוועד לעניני הדת

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### *Guidelines for Attending Kanisa*

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To our dear Mashadi Community:

With the high holidays approaching, we would like to remind the community of the guidelines for attending our Kanisas in the midst of the pandemic.

1. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 **should not** attend synagogue or minyan as long as they must be in quarantine, even on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, difficulty breathing, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, NEW loss of smell or taste, or any other signs of a flu-like illness (i.e. runny nose, congestion, body aches, fatigue).
2. Anyone who has been in direct prolonged contact with someone who tested positive or has experienced symptoms, or who has been told by a physician to self-isolate or quarantine, **should not** attend synagogue or minyan, even on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, until their quarantine period has finished.
3. If a person must be in quarantine, a negative COVID-19 test **does not** indicate that they may attend minyan. One may only attend minyan when their quarantine period has finished, based on the guidance of their physician.

If a person is in one of the above categories, they should pray at home during their quarantine period, even on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur. A person may not risk their personal health or the health of others to pray with a minyan, even on these most holy days.

For the mitzva of blowing shofar, if a person is in one of the above categories, we recommend consulting with one of our Rabbanim on how to fulfill the mitzva while in quarantine. If it is possible, one should ask a shofar blower to come outside their home to blow shofar for them while following CDC guidelines for wearing masks and maintaining a safe social distance.

If anyone has any questions, please speak with your healthcare provider and one of our Rabbanim before the holiday.

We would like to thank everybody for their cooperation and patience through this difficult time. We pray that Hashem should accept all of our prayers during these holy days and keep the world healthy and safe for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,  
The Religious Council