



SHALOM PARK COMMUNITY HEALTH SAFETY NOTICE

The Center for Disease Control (CDC), North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) and the world's leading virologists believe the SARS – CoV-2 Delta variant is the fastest, fittest and most formidable version of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 the world has encountered. 80% of the COVID-19 cases in North Carolina are the Delta variant. People in our community are already experiencing breakthrough transmissions and early data demonstrates the Delta variant is affecting children and the immune-compromised. We are all learning about its dangers with each passing week.

To reduce the risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant and potentially spreading it to others, on July 28th the CDC provided guidance that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission. Based on the COVID-19 Integrated County View data, which is published weekly, Mecklenburg County is an area of high transmission.

Additionally, the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that students, teachers and staff in K-12 schools wear masks in the upcoming school year regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.

The Jewish commandments – of “pikuach nefesh” – saving a soul and “v'ajavta l'reiacha kamocho” – love your fellow human as yourself, compel each of us to care for the health and wellbeing of one another. Therefore, with these values at the core, **Shalom Park will reinstitute the use of mask indoors, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, within all Shalom Park facilities beginning Monday, August 9th and effective immediately within the Temples.** Masks will not be required in outdoor facilities and spaces, except when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Shalom Park leadership has reinstated this health measure to coincide with the start of the Shalom Park school year and the dramatic rise of Delta variant COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations within our immediate community.

We will continue to monitor the Mecklenburg County transmission data, the CDC, NC DHHS and Shalom Park with the goal of responsibly adding or eliminating health safety measures as appropriate.

Wearing a face mask along with frequent hand washing, cleaning and sanitizing and practical social distancing are all additional layers of protection against the transmission of COVID-19. These are literally life saving measures for the children and elderly of our community.

Shalom Park exists to create a safe and healthy environment for all. Therefore we ask your support to help keep our community safe by getting vaccinated and wearing your face mask while indoors.

With appreciation,

Shalom Park Senior Leadership Team



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