

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Dear Shames JCC Members & Participants,

We are reaching out as part of our ongoing effort to keep our members and the community informed about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) at the Shames JCC. We are continuously monitoring reports in Westchester County and we are frequently consulting with local, state, and federal health agencies. In accordance with their recommendations, we can report that there has been no change in our status since we reached out to you on Monday. We are continuing to operate our programs, classes, and schools as usual, with increased awareness and effort around maintaining a healthy and safe environment.

While we are very thankful to be able to serve you—our community—by opening our doors and continuing operations, we encourage any member or guest who has been exposed or potentially exposed to coronavirus (COVID-19), to inform the proper authorities without fear of social stigma within our organization. We firmly support individuals in taking care of themselves and, by reporting their potential exposure, in taking care of the broader community. Indeed, taking care of one another is a core Jewish value. Disclosure and testing are critical interventions in slowing and spreading this illness. Those who take these steps are brave and proactive in protecting their neighbors and communities. We are going to overcome these challenging times by supporting one another. With this in mind,

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, we request that you do not visit our campus until cleared by a medical professional.

If you, or someone with whom you've had close contact, has recently traveled to a CDC Level 2 or higher country (e.g., China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or Japan), we request that you do not attend the Shames JCC for a period of 14 days after such exposure or potential exposure.

To review the many precautions we have taken to ensure our campus remains a healthy and safe environment, and how you can aid in these efforts, please visit our website homepage at shamesjcc.org.

If our ability to continue offering a place for respite, positive distraction, and a sense of normalcy for our community changes at any point in the future, we will communicate that with you immediately via email and with an alert on our website.

As we have said previously, we know that we are going to overcome these challenging times, just as we have so many before, because we are in it together.

Thank you,

Leslie Meyers

Executive Director

