



## **Covid-19 protocols for students, parents, staff, visitors, vendors, lessors, and guests have shifted in focus to individual responsibility. You must follow the protocols below.**

Welcome to our DU Hillel, an inclusive community. The safety and well-being of all is of high concern. Jewish values teach us that we are all responsible for one another, with an enhanced responsibility for the vulnerable among us – particularly children, the elderly and the immunocompromised. Hillel of Colorado is an independent nonprofit, but closely partnered with our universities. Therefore, DU Hillel's Covid19 protocols now follow those of the University of Denver's. We share DU's sentiment:

*"As much of the country transitions from pandemic to endemic...(and) while the novel coronaviruses are clearly here to stay, we believe it makes sense to shift away from an emergency response model. This transition includes...(a) shift from institutional protocol enforcement to individual responsibility...where the health and safety of our community are not compromised." (DU Web Site, 2022)*

Each of us is created *B'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of the Divine, and therefore have a responsibility to ourselves and each other. You must follow these protocols when participating in Hillel activities or entering our facility.

### **Hillel's Protocols**

- I. Whether you are vaccinated or not, you understand that there is a risk that you could be exposed to and/or transmit COVID-19, and that for some individuals contracting this virus is still very dangerous.**
- II. By entering this facility or participating in Hillel activities you accept any inherent health risks from the Covid-19 or other illnesses such as the flu.**
- III. Mask wearing is optional unless you are not feeling well or have been exposed to Covid-19. Then you must stay away or wear a mask.**
- IV. Should you test positive for Covid-19 you must stay away from Hillel and return only when you have met CDC or university quarantine guidelines.**

While most of us have never experienced anything like this pandemic/endemic and its disruptive nature, and its duration is a challenge for us, our families, and our organizations, by now Covid-19 has become a part of our everyday lives. Our Jewish tradition teaches us to be thoughtful, resourceful, and calm in the face of challenges both small and great – and to assure the health and safety of us all to the best of our ability. Our Jewish sources provide us with many teachings about how to serve each other, our community, and the wider community best during challenging times.

Hillel staff is here to help you process your thoughts and feelings and to provide you with extra support should you need it. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us for assistance.