



COGASOC RE-ENTRY PROTOCOLS

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- Re-entry Transition Period (May 7, 2022 - July 31, 2022)
 - There will be ongoing assessment and review through the transition period by the re-entry team.
 - These protocols will be in place through the 2022 Assembly unless otherwise directed by Chief Rabbi Phillip E. McNeil, G.F.A.
- Criteria-based protocol for in-person worship

SCREENING

- **Everyone should screen before leaving their residences to come to the tabernacle:**
 - Fever or Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Runny Nose or Nasal Congestion
 - Sore Throat
 - New loss of taste/smell
 - *Nausea and Vomiting (usually not COVID related, but could still be infectious)*
 - *Diarrhea (usually not COVID related, but could still be infectious)*
- **Testing**
 - We strongly encourage routine testing to:
 - Limit the spread of COVID-19
 - Allow for earlier treatment with potentially life-saving medicine

Exposure Response Policy

COVID-19 Warning

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, experienced citizens and members with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

SURVEY RESPONSES — COGASOC PRIOR COVID INFECTION

ADULTS

- 92 of 338 reported a prior COVID-19 infection

YOUTH

- 32 of 146 were reported to have a prior COVID-19 infection

TOTAL

- **25.6%** of our congregation reports a prior COVID-19 infection

Exposure Response Policy

In the event there is a known COVID exposure in the tabernacle:

- Everyone in attendance will be considered as potentially exposed
- All attendees will be notified via email of the exposure
- Up-to-date instructions on quarantining and isolation will be provided with the exposure notification
- Re-Entry into the tabernacle within 10 days of the exposure will require a negative test, which cannot be performed sooner than 5 days after the exposure.

NOTICE OF EXPOSURE

It has come to our attention that if you attended the service or activity on _____, (event date) you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

The early symptoms of COVID-19 can look like other illnesses and often people have no symptoms. Thus, you may have been exposed to someone who did not know they were sick. We are contacting you because you were identified from the attendance sheet. Please note that this Notice of Exposure does not mean that you have COVID-19 Disease. Instead, it is to provide you with information to help you make decisions for your health. Please review the information and general precautions described below.

Everyone that attended the Event should do the following:

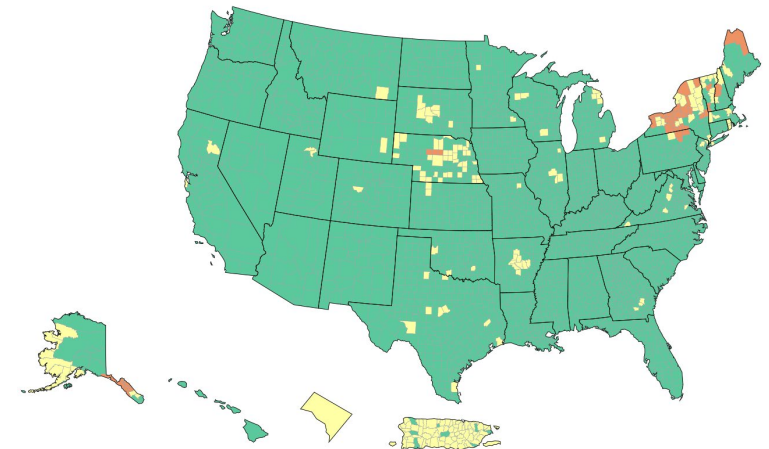
1. Get tested for COVID-19 regardless of your vaccination status.
2. If you test Positive, isolate at home regardless of your vaccination status. Please see the Isolation section below. Your Local Health Department or Primary Medical Provider will also be able to assist you.
3. If you test Negative, Quarantine may be required based on your vaccination status. Please see the Quarantine section below.

Individuals Up-To-Date with COVID-19 Vaccines	Individuals NOT Up-To-Date with COVID-19 Vaccines	Individuals Diagnosed with COVID-19 in the Past 90 Days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals should get tested at least 5 days after exposure, even if they don't have symptoms • Wear a mask in public for 10 days • If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine for 5 days • Wear a well-fitted mask at home around others • Individuals should get tested at least 5 days after exposure, even if they don't have symptoms • Wear a well-fitted mask in public for 10 days • If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days when around other people. • If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately and get tested.

Protocols: In-Person Worship

- Tabernacles in communities with a CCL of Low or Medium will be permitted to re-enter the tabernacle for in-person worship.
- Tabernacles in communities with a CCL of High will be required to continue virtual service, the same will be true of a CCL regression to High
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
 - Based on a sampling of the resident counties of the membership
- Attendance will be collected for all in-person worship services.

New Cases ¹ (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days)	Indicator	Low	Medium	High
<200 cases	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) ²	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) ³	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
≥200 cases	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%



Protocols:

Beginning of the Sabbath

Beginning of the Sabbath worship service will be in-person; virtual at the discretion of the Local Pastor, consult with District Rabbi



Protocols: Streaming/Virtual Services

There will be a virtual Sabbath Day worship service available for members that are sick and shut-in

- Streamed from Headquarters
- Local Tabernacles are encouraged to establish a streaming option during the transition period and beyond



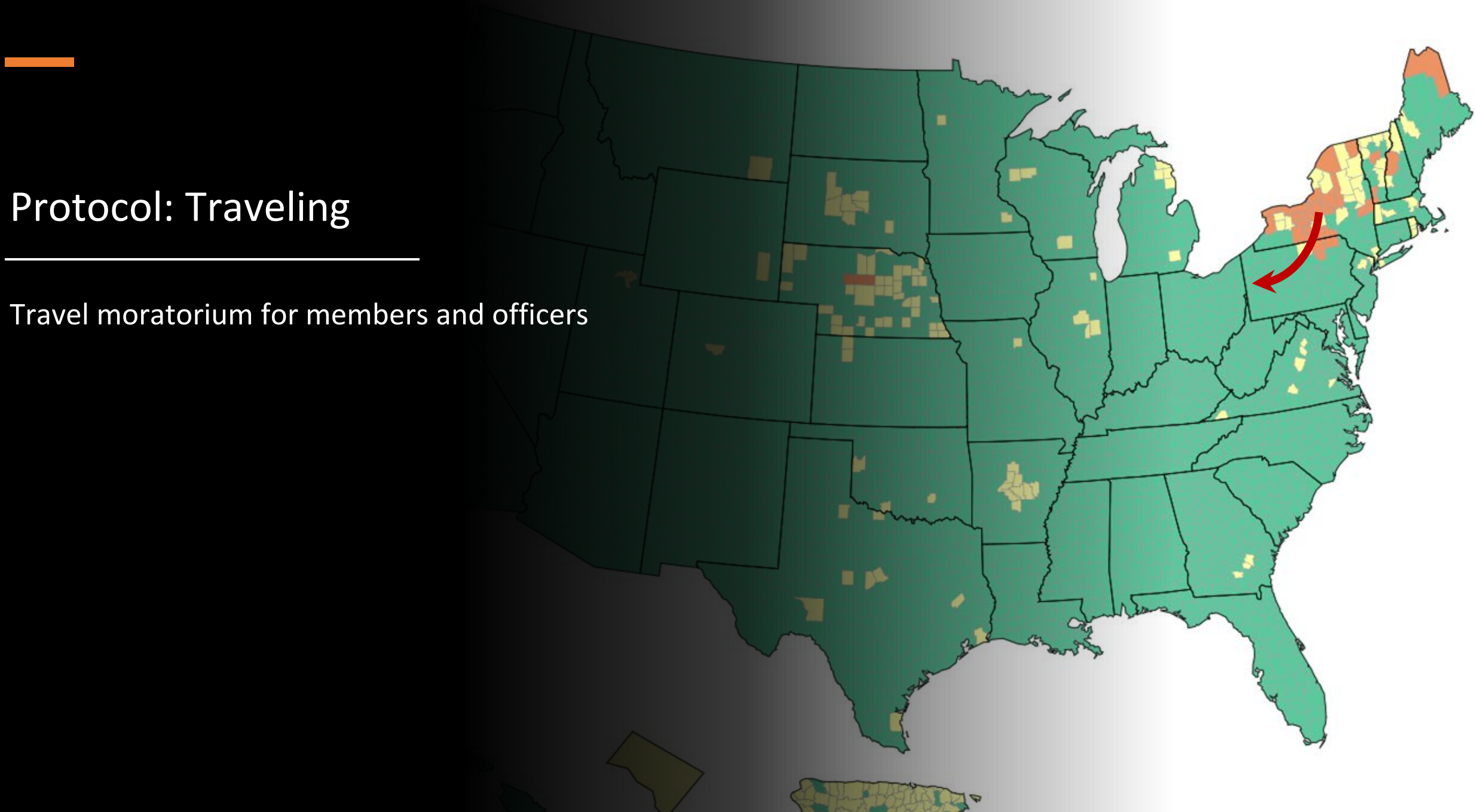
Protocols: Masking

- Masks will not be required in communities with a Low CCL unless required by local/state regulations.
 - Unvaccinated members and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
 - High-risk members and visitors are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Masks will be required for communities with a Medium CCL
 - High-risk members are encouraged to wear an N95 or KN95 mask.



Protocol: Traveling

Travel moratorium for members and officers



Protocols:

Use of the Tabernacle Outside of Sabbath Worship Services

- Department meetings should continue to be virtual.
- Choir rehearsals are suspended through the transition period.
- Community activities will not be permitted in the tabernacle building. (See Revised Guidelines for External Activities)
- Funeral services will be permitted in the tabernacles.
- Other ceremonial activities (e.g. Love Feast & Whole Armor, child dedications, weddings) will not be permitted during the transition period.

Protocols: Choir

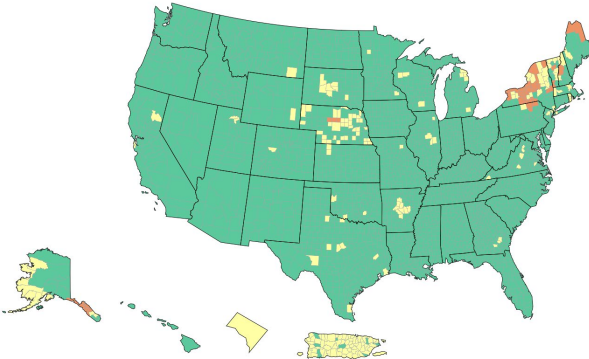
- Choir will function at 50% capacity with every other seat removed in tabernacles in low CCL. In tabernacles in medium CCL consideration of further reduction, as space allows.
- Choir march is suspended during the transition period.
- Singers are strongly encouraged to self test (rapid-test) prior to service in areas of low CCL.
- Singers are required to have a negative rapid-test prior to service in areas of medium CCL.



Meals

Meals will not be permitted to be prepared or consumed in the tabernacle during the transition period.

Criteria-Based Protocols (Based on COVID-19 Community Levels)



	LOW	MEDIUM
SERVICE LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Restriction (9:00 start) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbreviated (9:00-11:30)
MASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required for congregation and choir while not singing
SOCIAL DISTANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir (1 seat apart) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congregation (Households)
CHOIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Rapid Home Test prior to service (strongly encouraged) No choir march 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Rapid Home Test prior to service (required) No choir march
SEATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household Groups with social distancing where feasible
HIGH-RISK MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with primary care physician regarding individual risk of entering congregate setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage high-quality mask wearing, preferably N95/KN95. Consult with primary care physician regarding entering congregate setting.

Our Day Has Come!

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 7th!

- Grand, General, and District officers will be communicating directly with local officers regarding specific protocols related to each department.
- If you have not already done so, please complete the **Re-Entry Survey** as this will help complete data that will be provided to your local tabernacle. The survey is anonymous. **Scan the QR code.** →
- There will be a Re-Entry dashboard created which members will be able to access to get up-to-date information.
- Questions and concerns regarding Re-Entry can be sent to reentry@coqasoc.org
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating and new variants are likely.
 - “Live with while waiting on...”



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- The virus will likely become endemic, so we should do what is best for us to protect ourselves from severe infections.
 - We are “waiting patiently for the Lord”
 - Waiting does not mean Inactivity

