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Dear Community Members,

We are updating our protocols for Mikvah use. The following rules and policies remain in place until further notice:

- Anyone exhibiting any symptoms of illness or who is under **mandatory** quarantine may not use the Louisville Mikvah for any purpose without first seeking approval from their rabbi or Rabbi Snaid, the Vaad's supervisor (including for Tevillas Keilim – the ritual immersion of certain cooking and food service utensils).
 - o Symptoms that preclude one from using the Louisville Mikvah include **any** of the following: sore throat, fever (including low grade), or persistent dry cough.
- **Men** may use the Mikvah before Shabbos and Yom Tov, but only in the afternoon hours **from 3-6 pm, in the summer, and 1:30 – 4 p.m. in the winter**. Men who do not live in the same household must wait 15 minutes after another user from a different household before entering the Mikvah pool to allow the chlorine to act as a disinfectant. Advance notice of intended use and time of use is required for men, as it is for women, so that we can allow everyone who wants to use the Mikvah to do so. Please call R. Snaid (912)704-2769.
- Every person who enters the Mikvah building should wash their hands with soap and water immediately upon entering the building.
- The Vaad requests that anyone who wants to use the Mikvah give as much advance notice of the need to use the Mikvah, if possible at least 5 days advance notice **but no less than 2 days (48 hours)**. Failure to give adequate notice may create a situation where the Mikvah will not be available.
 - o **WOMEN** – please schedule Mikvah use with one of the following Mikvah attendants:
 - Goldie Litvin – text or call (502) 494-3774 (only attendant who will be available for Friday evenings)
 - Hindy Snaid – text or call (347) 809-0785
 - Sheila Lynch – sgltcher@aol.com; (502) 896-9736
- It is the Vaad's intention that no rooms will be used without disinfecting between clients, this will require the participation of both users and the Mikvah attendant all of whom will be expected to wipe down exposed surfaces (counters, faucets, sinks, handrails and doorknobs) with disinfectant wipes after use.

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- **No one should leave anything behind in the Mikvah. Anything left behind, including towels, combs, etc. will be discarded.**
- The shower in the Mikvah is available for use. Please wipe down and remove all hair and debris when you finish using the shower.
- Tevilas Keilim, and use of the Mikvah for conversions is available during the daytime, and only by advance appointment made at least three days beforehand by contacting Carla Crum, the Vaad's secretary – carla@ansheisfard.com; (502) 724-7983.

Please note that we are providing these basic services at no cost to users, we would appreciate any donations to the Vaad by leaving cash or a check. Women who wish to use the Vaad's towels and robes will be charged a fee of \$5, it will no longer be included in the basic Mikvah use, and payment is expected at time of use.

Anyone who has questions or concerns relating to the foregoing, please feel free to contact Ayala Golding, President of the Vaad, (502)548-5095, ayagolding@gmail.com.

May the great mitzvah of mikvah serve as a blessing to us all in these times.

Rabbi Simcha Snaid

Administrator of the Vaad HaKashrut of Louisville