



IMPORTANT BALTIMORE COMMUNITY COVID UPDATE

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The last few weeks have seen a steady decline in COVID-19 cases in the community B”H.

- This is a testament to the efforts by the community to enforce measures that mitigate the spread of the virus.
- There has been a major decrease in cases amongst children, strengthening the ability of the schools to provide uninterrupted *chinuch* and of children to attend school.
- Since the vaccine has been made available to those at greatest risk, we have seen a significant decline already in the number of COVID cases in those 65 years of age and older.

Bottom Line: Our efforts are making a difference and the number of COVID cases within our community has dramatically declined. This does NOT mean it is time to let up on our efforts – it means it is time to keep up our efforts for we see clearly they are working and will bez”h avoid another spike.

BE CAREFUL AND BE MINDFUL ON PURIM! Help the community maintain or better its current situation.

- The Vaad HaRabbonim has released guidance as to the proper Purim protocols which can be accessed [here](#).
- Make sure we only share Simcha on Purim – NOT COVID!
- **Masking properly in particular, together with quarantining when necessary and all the other CDC protocols** remain necessary to prevent spread. Our data in our very own community shows incredible effectiveness, especially of masking, and have helped our community avoid unnecessary tragedies.
- **Prevent spread:** Anyone with even minor COVID-like symptoms or who were exposed to someone who has COVID should quarantine and not be around others.

Hashem should send a Refuah Shleima to all those who are ill and protect our community and Klal Yisrael.

Wishing the community a safe, healthy and Happy Purim!

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