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Dear Shaarei Tefillah Mispalelim,

I would like to update you regarding Minyonim at Shaarei Tefillah moving forward and in particular over Yom Tov.

Boruch Hashem we have continued to see that new cases of COVID are very low in Victoria and the general public are behaving very responsibly, keeping to Government regulations.

I am sure we are all yearning for the time that we can go back to 'normal' kehillah life and be able to put this difficult and unusual time behind us.

There are still a number of Frum doctors in our community who have recommended not to fully reopen the Shules and as much as possible only hold outdoor Minyonim.

As difficult as this is, after consulting with Rabbonim both locally and overseas and in conjunction with the recommendation of the Doctors, we will be holding Minyonim outdoors wherever possible.

In the situation where weather does not permit this to happen, we will be using the Shule for limited time.

Unfortunately, the numbers are very limited, and we may not be able to accommodate all those who want to attend. My recommendation to people who are able to make other arrangements (in a way that fits within the guidelines set by the Victorian Government), is to make such arrangements.

In order for me to arrange the smooth running of these Minyonim I will need people to let me know which minyonim they want to attend. These minyonim are open only to men over Bar Mitzva and under 65, and priority is given to regular Mispalelim. Please see other attachment with proposed times (They still may change)

As I have mentioned before, it is the health of our community that is a priority and it is my hope that we will be able to further increase attendance and comfortability of our Minyonim in the near future. I want to stress the importance of being tested in a situation where one has any symptoms that resemble COVID. In my view this is a Chiyuv.

Once again, it is amazing to see how supportive the Kehillah have been during this time and very inspiring to see the amount of learning that has taken place in this remote setting.

As we enter the Yom Tov of Kabolas Hatorah, it is vital that we continue to strengthen our commitment to limud HaTorah and dedication to Tefillah as well as general vigilance to Mitzvos.

May we be זוכה to be able to join together very soon and witness the ultimate גאולה.

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