



המשרד לשירותי דת  
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## Corona and the Mikvaot

The Ministry of Religious Services and the local Religious Councils are currently working in full cooperation and following the guidelines of the Ministry of Health in the field of women's mikvahs in order to enable regular service as much as possible.

We follow the instructions that are implemented for Mikvahs in the areas of water disinfection, hygiene and cleanliness guidelines for the surfaces of the mikvah room and space and in the preparation rooms.

Based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Religious Services, we have concentrated the focus of the guidelines for you whose objectives are to enable regular service in the mikvah, alongside reducing and limiting gathering in the public space. All this is a responsibility.

It should be noted that in a meeting with the Ministry of Health it was made clear that the virus does not pass through treated water, that is as long as the water is being treated according to the instructions and regulations, from the point of view of hygiene, disinfection with chlorine and all that is required according to the regulations. If that is the case there should not be a problem, and in light of this it will be made clear that any prevention of using the mikvah in a regular way, women should not be concerned about, as long as the mikvah is taken care of in accordance with the disinfection instructions detailed in the Health Ministry regulations

We are available to you also online to respond to all questions.

<https://sekermikvaot.m-datit.org.il>

Attached a short guide to the person that immerses. it is recommended to post it in the mikvahs and to publicize it for the benefit of the immersing women.

Best regards,

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## **Mikvah Use During Corona**

### **Arrive ready for immersion**

This will allow yourself the necessary minimum stay in the mikvah, and avoid unnecessary waiting

### **Make an appointment ahead of time with the Mikvah Attendant**

This way you can reduce the waiting time and avoid congestion in the Mikvah

### **Keep distance**

Be sure to keep a distance of 2 meters, and avoid hand contact at any point during the immersion

### **Be stringent about your personal hygiene**

Take care to clean and disinfect as much as possible while staying in the mikvah areas

### **You are in isolation? Don't come!**

The entrance to and immersion in the mikvah for women who are in isolation are prohibited

### **Be sure to immerse in clean water**

Ask the attendant whether the water has been treated and that chlorine at the correct amount was added before you go in for the immersion,

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[https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/news/mikve\\_seker](https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/news/mikve_seker)