



המשרד לשירותי דת אגף פיתוח מבני דת

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Refining the service Guidelines For Women's Mikvahs

Further to the refinement of procedures that were distributed on March 19, 2020 and in light of the fact that there are uncertainties about the service in the mikvehs in the current situation, I found it appropriate to make available the information in a more clear and simple manner.

It will be made clear that the purpose of the service in the mikvahs is to enable regular service of the women's mikvahs, along with safeguarding the health and well-being of those who immerse and those who give service/ the attendants according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

It should be noted that the main guidelines focus on two important levels as follows:

A. Avoiding the gathering of people in the waiting rooms - keeping distance between people, the number of people in the building, etc. in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

B. The Cleaning of Surfaces - Attached is Appendix 18 of the Ministry of Health, which includes instructions for maintaining cleanliness and conditions of sanitation in businesses and public institutions.

For real-time updates - a link to the Ministry of Health's website about the Corona virus:

<https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/corona/corona-virus>

The following are the guidelines for operating mikvahs that have been in place so far.



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To advise the mikvah immersers to arrive ready for immersion in order to limit gathering in the public area.	It is preferable to make an appointment with the Mikvah attendant for the time of arrival, so as to avoid waiting congestion.
In the event that a waiting line develops, the instructions of the Ministry of Health regarding social distancing must be observed.	The Mikvah attendant must be stringent in maintaining the distance between one and another (attendant and immerser) at the time when they are together.
Each mikvah should keep a stock of disposable gloves to protect the health of the attendants.	There should be available to the team of attendants disinfection products that are available to the attendants and the immersers when they are at the mikvah.
The mikvah attendant should use gloves during the time that she is at the mikvah and, and to change gloves between immersers or alternatively to disinfect with alcohol between immersers.	One must avoid uncovered hand contact (touching) between the immerser and the attendant in all stages.
The attendant must wash her hands very frequently (with soap and water for at least twenty seconds each time).	Disinfection of the Space- one must be stringent to disinfect and clean all surfaces, sanitary utensils, door handles, and handrails – after each immersion! See attachment 18 attached.
It is compulsory to be stringent about disinfecting the water and treating it with chlorine as well as daily cleaning of filters if there are any.	It is compulsory to pay attention to the disinfection and the treatment of the pool for immersion , and also the testing of the water after every few immersions
Changing of the water is to be carried out according to regulations of the Ministry of health which were sent to you.	Laundering of towels/ robes according to attachment 18
For Regional Councils (and not in cities) it is recommended in these days to reduce as much as possible the number of mikvahs operating among three of four towns (settlements) in order to provide regular and continuous service at minimum expenditure (only on weekdays).	The attendant will inform those coming to immerse about the new regulations, and make her aware of the prohibition of immersion at a time of isolation or return from abroad / or direct exposure to a verified infected person.