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**Sent:** Sun, 15 Mar 2020 19:01:28 -0400  
**To:** Daniel Gutstein  
**Subject:** Re: Daniel Gutstein: Regarding Synagogue Services during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Thank you for your note.  
A.S. Fauci.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2020, at 5:53 PM, Daniel Gutstein <(b) (6)> wrote:

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> Dear Dr. Fauci,

> I would like to commend you for providing needed doses of stability and reassurance to our nation at this troubled time. Your knowledge and professionalism have been indispensable to the masses. I am an assistant to the rabbi of a Jewish congregation in Chicago which holds services thrice daily. Due to the tight-nit nature of the larger Jewish community, many synagogues in the city and surrounding suburbs have closed indefinitely in order to limit the community spread of the Covid-19 virus. (One person visiting the community from New York and who interacted with numerous individuals has so far tested positive.) Our synagogue is few in parishioners though is an essential sanctum of sustenance and faith to those who make usage of its services. We would like to keep our doors open for the longest duration possible but remain cognizant of the realities of the pandemic. Considering that we gather in a sanctuary of impressive size with usually no more than 20 members who are stationed at a distance apart from one another, would it be responsible to continue services for the remainder of the week and this upcoming Sabbath so long as no specific member of the congregation itself has contracted the virus?

> Thank you.

> Wishing you sustained health and much success,

> Daniel Gutstein