

IEC Guidelines on San Francisco Church Re-opening

In alignment with California government & guidance by the federal health agency, IEC will re-open our churches for Sunday Services and limited gatherings as of **February 14th** with the following re-opening guideline:

1. Social distancing:

- o Congregation is strongly encouraged to observe 6-feet distancing within church facilities & parking areas.
- o Pews & seats will be marked & arranged to observe 6-feet between other household families.
- o Social gathering after service, including meal/drink at social hall, will be temporarily cancelled. Congregation is encouraged to directly head to the parking area after service and to observe 6-feet distancing when socializing outside.

2. Face covering & hygiene practice:

- o All congregations (except children under 2 years of age) are requested to bring & wear face mask/cloth covering at all times within church facility.
- o All congregations are strongly encouraged to follow good hygiene practices such as frequent hand sanitizing.
- o Church will intensify cleaning & disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.

3. Minimized shared worship materials:

- o Church bulletin will not be distributed on printed paper and will instead be made available on-line.
- o An offering box will be made available at church to avoid passing of offering bags. Offering through Zelle (on-line) will remain available.
- o Individually packaged wafer & grape juice will be prepared & distributed during holy communion.

4. Sunday school & nursery:

- o Nursery room will be opened for parents with a toddler.
- o Sunday school/children ministry will be conducted with class arrangements adjusted to follow reopening guidelines.
- o Parents with children going to Sunday school will be requested to wait in the sanctuary until their child is ushered downstairs by Sunday school teachers/helpers.

5. Congregation with higher risk of illness, including categories listed below, should remain at home:

- o Congregation with any sign/symptom of illness (fever/high temperature, cough, breathing difficulty, etc.) or has been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 should remain at home.
- o San Francisco government guidelines: <https://sf.gov/resource/2020/reopening-guidance-places-worship>
- o Church will measure body temperature of attendants upon entrance. Church designates one emergency room at church (per CDC guideline) to be available should any congregation become ill during service.
- o Service recording will be temporarily published on-line at IEC channel (<https://youtube.com/iecusa>) or church web-site.

6. Other ministries:

- o Prayer meetings and fellowships will continue to be conducted online until further notice.
- o Choir ministry & associated practices will be temporarily cancelled.
- o Library ministry will be temporarily closed.
- o Flower ministry will be started as the church reopen.