

## Covid Policy for New City Church

Whereas it is the purpose of this church to Love God and to Love Others, and

Whereas we desire to show others in the community our love by taking extreme care to not spread the COVID infection, and

Whereas, Church Staff has assessed our Sunday Service processes and customs relative to guidance from the State of California and the County of San Diego, and

Whereas it is our desire to establish a policy which will be clearly communicated to those that visit our services, and

Whereas it is our desire to establish a policy that is sufficiently stringent to allow us to continue meeting in a consistent manner independent of the severity of our local outbreak at a given time,

Therefore, be it resolved that New City Church staff will:

- Adhere to this policy, which has been developed assuming the highest (most severe) tier level under the state of California guidelines
- Adhere (to the degree appropriate) to the most current General Checklist for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies beginning with the version issued July 1, 2020 COVID (Appendix A), updated per the guidelines as necessary, and make Appendix A available for viewing online.
- Develop a process for monitoring compliance with this policy
- Not come to Sunday Services if they have a fever or are exhibiting symptoms of being sick
- Use hand sanitizer, mask &/or gloves before interacting closely with congregants
- Provide hand sanitizer for Sunday Services
- Provide face masks for congregants who arrive without one
- Encourage online giving instead of in-person giving
- Establish a consistent outdoor location for Sunday Services
- Provide online and radio services as an alternative to in-person services
- Shorten typical service times to allow children to stay with their families during services
- Take temperatures of staff members before services
- Communion and other food and beverages should be provided in single-serve disposable containers wherever possible.
- Maintain a count of the Sunday Service attendees, to ensure that the total number remains below 100.
- Develop a process to follow if the attendees that want to come to Sunday Services could exceed 100
- Communicate the following at the beginning of Sunday Services (and online as appropriate)
  - Families (including children) are encouraged to sit together, and to maintain >6 feet of distance between themselves and others at all times (including children)
  - Face masks should be worn when you are coming or going from your sitting location (just like you would do at a restaurant)
  - Children need to stay with their families
  - Before and after service, when you are visiting with others, be sure to maintain 6 feet of separation or wear masks (including children)
  - If an immediate family member has a fever or is showing signs of sickness, please stay home
  - Singing is encouraged, however please wear a facial covering and take extra care to keep social distance of > 6 feet