



June 19, 2020

Dear Pilgrims and Friends,

**Pilgrim is Reopening in July!**

We have great news! On Sunday, July 5th we will reopen our doors for worship!

Let's do this in a safe and organized way. Call us at (909) 622-1373 to let us know if you plan to attend the July 5<sup>th</sup> service. We will closely follow guidelines provided by state and federal health experts (see below)—practicing physical distancing (because we can still be social six feet apart!), disinfecting our facilities, and limiting our gathering to one hour of worship in the sanctuary.

There will be no Fellowship Hour and Sunday School will be available online only, but children are welcome in the sanctuary for the worship service. It will be great to see those of you who decide to come!

We will also continue offering the online experience for those who choose to worship with us from home. No matter where we gather—in person or online, here or there—we're Pilgrims together!

If you are sick, have symptoms related to the flu or Covid-19, have been recently exposed to someone with Covid-19, or are concerned about the risks of participating in worship service in person, please remain home and join us for the online service.

We anticipate needing to follow these protocols for several months.

**MEASURES TO ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

1. Online activities will be offered in lieu of in-person activities:
  - a. No in-person Sunday School in June, July, or August. Sunday School will be replaced by online VBS on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm in June, July and August. Children are welcome to attend the worship service. We will restart Sunday School as soon as it is safe to do so. Stay tuned!
  - b. Twilight Bible Study will be hosted via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. If you would like to attend in person, please call the church office to let us know.
2. Custodial staff will tape off parking spaces, creating safer distance between parked vehicles.
3. Everyone will enter through the "Office" entrance at the rear parking lot while maintaining 6 feet of distance and proceeding through the courtyard and through the Northwest door of the sanctuary (under the Bishop Archway).
4. An usher wearing a cloth face cover will greet attendees at the door of the "Office" entrance, request that guests use face coverings, and track occupancy.
5. Aisles within the sanctuary will be designated as one-way to support physical distancing.
6. Pews will be roped off to permit a 6-foot space between individuals and family groups.
7. Attendees will remain seated in their pews until the postlude has concluded and will be dismissed one family group at a time by the minister or other representative.
8. Offices and other rooms in the building will be closed.

## **MEASURES FOR INFECTION CONTROL**

1. Attendees will be asked to wear a face covering.
2. Hand sanitizer, tissues, masks, and trash cans will be available to attendees at the "Office" entrance.
3. Ventilation in the sanctuary will be increased by leaving doors open during Sunday services and gatherings.
4. Signs will be in visible locations are used to remind visitors that face coverings are required during services and celebrations except for children under age 2 or others with impaired breathing or other at-risk conditions.
5. Signs will be in visible locations to discourage members from engaging in handshakes, hugs, or similar greetings that pose contamination risks.
6. Microphones, stands, music stands, instruments and other items on pulpits and podiums will be disinfected between uses.
7. Offering plates will not be passed. The offering plates will be placed in the narthex (lobby) of the sanctuary to allow attendees to make an offering as they leave.
8. Singers will be at least 6 feet from each other and from other attendees.
9. The sanctuary will be kept closed between scheduled events to avoid contamination.
10. Restroom signs will be posted to remind visitors to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds.
11. Restrooms will be open and stocked with extra soap, paper towels and hand sanitizer.
12. Restrooms will be sanitized regularly, using EPA approved disinfectants consistent with manufacturer's directions on an established schedule.

## **MEASURES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PILGRIM STAFF MEMBERS**

1. Pilgrim Office Staff have been directed to carry out their work duties from home as much as possible.
2. All staff have been instructed not to come to work if sick and to follow the Los Angeles Department of Public Health guidance for self-isolation in the event they fall ill.
3. For meal breaks, staff are limited to eating or drinking at their desks only to assure that masks may be worn consistently and correctly when in contact with others.
4. Staff have been instructed not to conduct home or other off-site visits to anyone who has tested positive for or exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 unless that person has completed the prescribed self-isolation or self-quarantine period.

We are all stronger and better equipped to face this challenge if we can be the loving and sensitive church community that we are called to be. Together, fellow Pilgrims, let us be a shining example of hope and courage to the community and the world by acting responsibly, both individually and collectively.

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Grace and Peace,



Patrick Horn, Senior Minister