

Del Rey Church

Precautions We Are Taking

In keeping with guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>) and California Department of Public Health (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>), Del Rey Church is taking the following precautions. We ask all church attenders to abide them, in the spirit of:

- Loving our neighbor as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18, as quoted by Jesus in Matthew 22:39)
- Putting others' interests ahead of our own, following Jesus' example (Philippians 2:3-8)
- Accommodating brothers and sisters with different convictions (1 Corinthians 8:9-13)
- Practicing self-denial for the benefit of fellow brothers and sisters (Romans 14:1-15:13)
- Obeying the governing authorities (Romans 13:1-7) and your pastors (Hebrews 13:17, 13:7)

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

- Anyone more likely to experience the more harmful effects of COVID are asked to stay home and worship via livestream. For example, the elderly and those with comorbidities (see CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>).
- Anyone who cannot follow the guidelines (for example, those who cannot wear masks) are asked to stay home and worship via livestream.
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID are asked to stay home and worship via livestream.
- Temperature checks will be taken of everyone before entering the buildings.
- Pastors, staff, and volunteers are subject to additional screening.
- We will track attendance in case of a need for contact tracing.
- Kids Church is discontinued until further notice. Children may sit with parents in "big church." Infants can attend with parents. Please parent your children and make them follow the guidelines.

PROMOTING SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Every other row of seats has been removed.
- Assigned seating in advance. Regular church attenders are asked to abide by the "possible lottery" system. Visitors and guests we will accommodate in order to be hospitable.
- Individuals, couples, and families will be separated by three empty seats.
- One person in the restroom at a time. (The women's nursing lounge is moved to the Prayer Room.)
- Chitchat and encourage one another outdoors rather than indoors.
- Try to keep 6 feet apart.
- Avoid crowded hallways and aisles.
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging, touching, etc.
- Overflow seating may be set up in the Fireside Room and the Preschool as needed.

INCREASING THE SAFETY OF THE PHYSICAL PREMISES

- Signs are posted to share information about COVID.

- Cleaning and disinfecting the premises more thoroughly than usual.
- Keeping the side windows open. Use air conditioning to circulate air.
- Disinfecting the door handles frequently.

MAINTAIN PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Wear a face covering, including while singing, except during Communion. Disposable masks are provided, but we have limited quantities, so bring your own.
- Use hand sanitizer as needed. Hand sanitizer is provided, or bring your own.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Throw your trash away.

REDUCE HANDLING OF COMMONLY USED ITEMS

- Communion will be served in individually wrapped packages instead of common bowls and trays.
- Individual plastic disposable seat covers will be issued for everyone to sit on.
- Bibles will not be loaned out (bring your own).
- Pens will not be loaned out (bring your own).
- Sermon outlines and paper bulletins will not be handed out (print your own and bring to church).
- Coffee, tea, snacks, and mints will not be served (bring your own food and beverage as needed).
- The water dispenser is removed.
- The resource center is covered and unavailable.