

Regathering Guidelines for August, 2020

In order to preserve the unity of the church, we want to be clear about expectations regarding our gathering. Here's what you need to know:

1. Service Times

- 8:15am and 9:45am
- RSVP for one of the services listed above at graceorange.org. Because we set up for each of the two (2) services based on who is registered to come, it is necessary to have everyone register each person in their household for one of the services. If more than 150 register for any given service, there might not be room under the tent. You are still free to come to that service, just understand you might be in the sun.
- Come ready to sing, pray, and hear the word of God preached with the believers who are present! We will be worshipping God through singing, outdoors. Everyone should feel free to sing or not, wearing face coverings or not, as you feel is best for you and your family.

2. Singing

- We realize that not everyone will feel comfortable singing. Some of the reasons we rented a tent were for more airflow, we could have greater distance between family units, and be more free to sing. Everyone should feel free to sing or not, wearing face coverings or not, as you feel is best for you and your family. No one should be made to feel poorly or judged because of their decision on how to participate in the singing portion of our Worship Service.
- We will sing several songs at the beginning of the service and one at the end. If you prefer, feel free to step out of the tent during singing.

3. Occupancy Limits

- Under current guidelines, there is no limit to those who can attend outdoor services, as long as we maintain recommended social distancing. We will be limiting seating to 165 per service in order to insure social distancing, but more than 165 will be allowed to attend each service.
- For more information on services, keep reading below.

4. State Health Guidelines

- We are determined to follow guidelines laid out by the California Department of Public Health to the best of our abilities. The following is a summary of our plans that coincide with the CDPH guidelines. If you'd like to read the most recent

guidelines for yourself, [you can find them here.](#)

- Though there are restrictions in place, we encourage you to be personable. You can still greet, encourage, pray for, and speak to your brothers and sisters, just from a distance!
- **Wearing face coverings in public are required where it is not feasible you can maintain a six (6) foot distance from those not in your household or residence.**

5. Deciding to Come to Church

● We understand that there are various situations that may keep you from coming to one of our worship gatherings this weekend such as underlying health conditions of a member of your household, general sickness, or COVID symptoms among someone in your household. If you find yourself in any of those situations, don't feel bad not coming to church this week. Join us on the livestream service at 9:45. We all understand your decision, love you, and support you!

- Please stay home if:
 - You or another member of your household are sick / showing symptoms of being sick.
 - You or another member of your household are showing COVID-like symptoms such as: a frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell.
 - You or another member of your household have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have not been cleared by a doctor.

You or another member of your household have been exposed in the last 14 days to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19.

- Whether you can attend or not, continue to pray for our church during this time - specifically that we may safely gather as an entire church body soon.

6. Health Check

- We will not be individually checking a person's health or temperature when they come for worship. If you or someone in your household is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, or loss of smell or taste, out of love and concern for others, please join us on the live stream service at 9:45.
- If any individual has a noticeable/high fever or is showing clear symptoms of sickness, you are asked to not join our services this Sunday.
 - We pray this isn't necessary - it hurts to think about turning our brothers and sisters away from worshipping together, but we want to follow guidelines and protect everyone's health as best as we can.

- If you find yourself needing to leave the church service due to sickness, please know we love you dearly, are praying for you, and wish you could be with us. There is a sick room/isolation room set up in Modular A1 if you begin feeling symptoms of illness while on campus.

7. Social Distancing

- Plan to practice social distancing (6 feet apart) with anyone not a member of your direct household. Parents, please help your kids with this.

- **Arriving to church:**

- Plan to arrive 5-10 mins early and be directed to your seats (*more on this below*).
- Parking will be directed in order to promote social distancing.
- The State of California reinstated an Order that masks are to be worn in public places where maintaining a six foot (6') distance from those not in your own household or residence is not feasible.

- **Seating:**

- Seating in the tent will be arranged to allow for proper social distancing throughout the service.
- Ushers will direct you to seats upon entering the tent.
- A bag with items to help maintain a worshipful atmosphere for all will be available for families with younger children.
- At the end of the service, please follow the same guidelines above as you make your way to your car. We are further requesting you leave the tent area promptly so that it may be cleaned and made ready for the next service. This does not mean to have to immediately leave campus. You may visit with others, but please not under the tent as we are preparing for another service.

- **Common Areas and Restrooms:**

- **Common Areas:** We ask that families and individuals refrain from congregating in common areas. Please follow social distancing guidelines to the best of your ability. We are wanting to consider the preciousness and value of others and make a strong witness to a watching world about our commitment to the Biblical command to honor the governing authorities.
- **Restrooms:** If all toilets/stalls in a restroom are full, please refrain from forming a line in the restroom. Rather, please line up outside and practice social distancing while waiting for a stall to open up. Cleaning supplies will be stocked in the restrooms; in consideration of others please clean common surfaces when you are finished. We will have bathrooms cleaned between services by volunteers.

- **Interactions with Others**

- Please ensure hugging, hand shakes, high fives, etc. are not practiced with anyone outside of your immediate household or residence.
 - We love you all, and know you love one another dearly, making our church one that loves hugs, handshakes, and high fives whenever possible. Normally this is a great thing! However, right now we ask that you refrain from these activities for the sake of others.
- You are free to socialize and fellowship with others at churches as long as you are able to maintain proper social distancing and are not disturbing the next service beginning under the tent. Thank you for your understanding.

8. Considerations for Families

- Childcare will NOT be available. Parents will be responsible for all children in their household.
- As you know, we love having worshippers of all ages with us in the Worship Service. We will have resources available for families with young children to help maintain a worshipful atmosphere for all during the service. If you feel the need to take young children out during the service, the tent is open air so you may still participate in the service in the back of the tent.
- The playground will be off limits and closed for the entirety of the morning.

9. Hand Washing and Sanitizing

- Hand washing stations will be available in the restrooms.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available outside the tent and throughout the campus.
- Please take time to sanitize and wash your hands properly throughout the morning.
- Please avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth throughout the morning.

10. Face Coverings

- The State of California reinstated an Order that masks are to be worn in public places unless maintaining a six foot (6') distance from those not in your own household or residence is not feasible.
 - ***Babies, children under the age of two (2), those with any medical condition or disability that would prevent wearing a face covering, those who are hearing impaired or are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired where the

ability to see the mouth is essential for communication, those with difficulty breathing, and those who could not easily remove a mask if needed should not wear face coverings, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

- Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- Volunteers will be wearing face masks and gloves, as well as participating in frequent hand washing.

11. Cleaning

- In-between services and throughout the morning volunteers will be disinfecting and cleaning all shared surfaces (i.e. door knobs, bathrooms, counters, hand washing stations, chairs, tables, etc.) and high-traffic areas.

12. Food and Drink

- No food, coffee or snacks will be served.