

# What to Expect: Returning to Indoor Worship at Laguna

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have done our best to continue worshipping from our respective shelters. Now that our county situation has improved, we would like to return to worship inside our church building—to sing to the Lord (Ps 95:6), to encourage one another (Heb 10:24-25), to pray (Acts 2:42), and to grow under the study of God's word (John 17:17). ***In preparation for indoor worship, please read this document prior to attending worship.***

## GENERAL information:

- Our plan is to reopen the indoor English service (Sundays from 2:00-3:00 PM). After we refine this process, we will add in the other congregational services.
- The service will be held in the MPR. The Youth room in the ETC building will be used as an overflow location with the service shown on projection screens.
- We ask families to sit together during worship with their children. There will be no childcare and the nursery will also be closed.
- The following ministries are suspended from in-person meetings until further notice:
  - Adult Sunday school
  - Youth Sunday school
  - Children's Worship and Sunday school
- Please observe at least 6 ft social distancing during your time at church.
- Please wear a mask during your time at church. Masks should not be worn by children under the age of 2.

## BEFORE coming to church...

- **Please do a self-assessment of your health:**
  - If you are at higher risk, we encourage you to stay home and stream the service. According to current studies, individuals above 65 years old and those who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
  - You are welcome to attend if within the last 14 days, you: (a) have not tested positive and/or are pending medical release to go out in public, (b) have not exhibited COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), (c) have not traveled internationally or to highly-impacted areas, and (d) are not aware of any exposure to individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Please reserve your spot in worship service through our online reservation system by Saturday at 9:00pm.** We will ask for your name, e-mail address, and the number of people in your party. Our ushers will use this information to set up seating in the MPR. The link to this reservation system will be included in our weekly church email.
- **Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before service begins.** With the new safety protocols in place, it will take longer to come into service.

## When you ARRIVE at church...

- Please enter through the EAST entrance (near the playground).
- Wear your mask and observe 6 ft social distancing while waiting to enter.
- Use the Check-in Station to confirm your reservation and find your seating location on the MPR map.
- Proceed to the Temperature Screening Station to have your temperature taken. If anyone has a fever, then the entire family/group will not be able to attend service.

## DURING worship service...

- Please keep your mask on and observe 6 ft social distancing during the service.
- Since we will NOT pass around the offering plates, you may drop off your offering in the boxes at the back of the MPR.
- If you need to use the restroom, please use the doors in the middle of the MPR. Remember that we limit each restroom to one family at a time.

## AFTER worship service...

- Please wait until an usher dismisses your group. Observe 6 ft social distancing and exit the building promptly so that we can begin cleaning the MPR. Avoid loitering near the exit area to avoid crowding.
- If you develop symptoms of or test positive for COVID-19 after attending service, please contact our health coordinator Dr. Steve Wang [Healthcoordinator@lagunabaptist.org](mailto:Healthcoordinator@lagunabaptist.org) so that we can inform other attendees of potential exposure and the possible need to quarantine and self-monitor. We will maintain your confidentiality as required by health and privacy laws.

## The following Precautionary Measures have been put in place for your SAFETY:

- **Shorter service.** Our worship services will be simpler, featuring fewer songs (when singing is allowed). We plan for service to last from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.
- **Temperature screening.** We will take your temperature using touchless infrared thermal scanners before you enter the service area.
- **Seating.** We will group people according to family. The family that shelters together will sit together. We will put 6-8 feet between each group for social distancing.
- **Masks.** We ask that everyone wear a mask when coming to church for worship. When singing together, masks are especially important for protecting one another's health. If you forget your mask, we will provide you one at the door.
- **Hand sanitizers.** Both manual and automatic pump dispensers will be located throughout the church hallway and near the entry/exit doors.
- **Restroom usage.** We encourage you to use the restroom ahead of time so that we can minimize restroom usage at church. Each restroom in the MPR will be limited to one family at a time.
- **Drinking fountains.** We are temporarily closing all drinking fountains. If you need water, individual water bottles will be placed near the disabled drinking fountains.
- **Minimized sharing of worship materials and other items.** To limit the sharing and passing of frequently touched items, we will stop passing around weekly bulletins, offering plates, and communion trays.
- **Modified communion practices.** We will provide individual, sealed communion packets that you may pick up as you enter service.
- **Postponing baptismal services.** We have postponed our baptisms until further notice.
- **Cleaning and sanitizing spray.** Our cleaning crew will wipe down all high-touch surfaces and chairs.