

First Assembly of God of Fairfield

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COVID-19 Reopening Plan

Purpose

In the midst of the global pandemic of COVID-19, it is expected we will be responding to it for a long time in our communities. Our State is beginning to re-open in phases and with various guidelines. The purpose of this document is to provide a road-map for reopening First Assembly of God of Fairfield. This road-map **follows the recommended guidelines of the CDC and Solano County**, which seek to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus, and keep our community safe. This document may be updated as new information or recommendations come out.

As we reopen, it is important to continue to protect our higher-risk population from COVID-19. Higher risk populations have been defined as people 65 and older, those with compromised immune systems, and those with certain underlying health conditions, particularly heart disease, lung disease or diabetes.

Under normal operating procedures, First Assembly of God of Fairfield is considered a **High Risk** organization, because we normally have large gatherings that don't adhere to social distancing. However, with appropriate changes and procedures of social distancing in place, we can perform as a **Low Risk** Organization and re-open.

Plan for Phase 2A

Communication

Social Distancing Practices Signs will be posted at each entrance of the church, on our website, and emailed to members to inform people that they should:

1. Avoid entering the church if they have COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another.
3. Sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one's elbow.
4. Wear face coverings, as appropriate.
5. Not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.

Social Distancing Protocol Signs will be posted at each entrance of the church and our website displaying a copy of this Social Distancing Protocol at each public entrance to the facility.

Worker and Volunteer Signs will be posted in a visible area to all workers and volunteers, requiring hygienic practices including:

1. Not touching one's face with unwashed hands or with gloves.
2. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
3. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as doorknobs, microphones, workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools.
4. Covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.

Measures to Protect Staff / Leaders / Volunteers

- Must not come to church if you are sick.
- Are required to wear facemasks as appropriate (i.e. not required on the platform).
- Hand Sanitizer, disinfectant and related supplies are available at the church workroom.
- Soap and water are available in restrooms for handwashing.

Measures to Prevent Crowds & Maintain Social Distancing

- Balcony and alcove seating will be opened.
- Every other pew will be closed. Open pews will be marked to keep people 6 feet or more away from each other.
- Each open pew in the main sanctuary seating area will permit either a family of 3 or more, **OR** 2 couples or less. Balcony and Alcove Pews will be limited to either one person, one couple, or a family.
- The limit of people will be reached when pews have been filled in the described manner.
- People may socialize before or after church on the grass or parking lot if practicing social distancing, but not in any walkways, including aisleways inside, sidewalks outside, and the foyer.
- Non-family related Worship Team members will be spread to more than 6 feet apart.
- Children will stay with family during Phase 2A.

Flow of Traffic / Paths of Travel

- People will enter and exit through the marked side aisles of Sanctuary. Both staircases will be open to the balcony.
- Exiting will be directed by rear row first. Alcove may exit through exit doors to the parking lot.

Measures to Increase Sanitization

- Hand sanitizer is available to the public in the foyer.
- Soap, water and disposable towels are available in the restrooms.
- High contact surfaces are wiped down frequently.

Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Contact

- Entry foyer doors and side doors to the sanctuary will remain open to church 30 minutes prior to service, and 10 minutes into the service. They will be opened again after service by an usher and remain open until the church closes.
- Bulletins will be “self service” pick-up from the entry table.
- On communion Sunday, individually wrapped communion elements will be placed in the pews by a gloved volunteer prior to service.
- A sanitized and dedicated microphone will be provided for each person (or family of persons) who needs to use one on a given Sunday, and identifiable with colored tape.

Measures to Ensure Compliance to Protocol:

Ushers will serve as, “COVID-19 Supervisors,” a role deemed required by Solano County, to ensure compliance with the protocol articulated in this document.

Plan for Phase 2B

Phase 2B is identical to 2A, but includes the re-opening of **Children's Church** and **Sunday School**. It will likely begin 3 weeks after Phase 2A. This will give us time to acclimate to several changes to our Sunday Service Routine.

Additional Measures to Implement for Sunday School:

- People are welcome to bring their own coffee or beverage. No community food or drink will be available.
- Seating will be arranged to maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart.
- Teachers will be at a minimum of 12 feet away, so they may instruct without a mask.

Additional Measures to Implement for Children's Church:

- Children's Church will begin at 10:30 A.M.
- Parents will drop their children off at classroom 101 of the Family Center.
- Children will be seated at 6 feet apart during instruction and any activities.
- Zero contact with other children or community objects (balls, etc.) will be enforced.
- Teachers will be at a minimum of 12 feet away, so they may instruct without a mask.