

FAQ Regarding Church Services during COVID-19

1. **How many people will be allowed in the building at one time?** We are limited to 63 people. For now we are not anticipating that demand will exceed capacity so no reservation system is deemed necessary.
2. **What protocols do you have in place to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission?** Quite a few! Please see the attached document.
3. **What if I'm not comfortable having my temperature taken on my forehead or temple?** No problem, our volunteers are happy to take your temperature from your wrist.
4. **Will the worship service flow like it used to?** Yes and no. The service will be streamlined to limit the amount of movement within the sanctuary. The musicians will lead us in a three-song set during the service, but they will not come back up for a closing song. We are working on a plan for the sharing of praises and prayer requests, but that won't be part of the service just yet. You can expect that there will be welcome and announcements, prayer, children's story, singing, and a sermon. Essentially this is the format we've been using for our pre-recorded livestream worship services throughout most of the year.
5. **So there will be singing?** Yes, but all singers (including the members of the worship team) will be wearing masks.
6. **Will anyone be removing their masks while in the building?**
 - Children under the age of 2 should not wear a mask at all.
 - Children under the age of 5 have the option not to wear a mask at their parent's discretion.
 - Because some people rely on reading lips to help them understand the message (especially those joining via livestream), the preacher and other speakers may remove their masks once they are in position on the platform and at a safe distance from the congregation.
 - We ask that there be no eating or drinking in the building. Drinking fountains are taped off. We will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper in person. There should be no reason to remove a mask to eat or drink while in the building.
7. **How will the children's story take place?** The storyteller will stand in the front, but children will need to remain in their seats with their parents during the story. There will not be a Lamb's Offering collected. Please remember to give offerings at other times.
8. **How will offerings be collected?** A collection box will be available at the back of the sanctuary where tithes and offerings may be dropped off before or after the service. There will be no passing of the offering plate. You may give online using the convenient and secure Adventist Giving website or app. For more information visit <http://ucsda.org/giving/>
9. **What about Sabbath School classes?** Right now we are focusing on re-opening for the 11 AM Sabbath worship service. The Youth class meets in the fellowship hall at 10 AM. The Kindergarten class will resume on November 7. In time we hope to resume in-person Sabbath School classes for all ages.