

## **Health and Safety Protocols for COVID-19 Prevention**

These protocols were developed by a congregational task force that was given the responsibility by church council to research, discuss and identify the procedures and practices that would need to be in place in order for SOV to begin meeting in person again. The formation of these protocols was a group effort and was also informed by survey responses from the SOV congregation.

### **Cleaning Bathrooms:**

- Spray fixtures and door handles with disinfectant and wipe down before the meeting/service.
- Fully clean bathroom, including toilet bowls and sinks, afterward.
- Restrooms must be used by only one person at a time, except in the case of a parent and small child.
- Propping open the door between users and keep light and fan going.

### **Cleaning chairs, tables, door handles, etc.:**

- Wipe down hard surfaces with disinfectant.
- Wear disposable gloves when stacking/unstacking chairs.
- If spraying disinfectant on chair seats/backs, use only spray that is compatible with use on foam; otherwise, do not spray.
- Black chairs will be set up in household sizes (1-4+). Purple chairs will be available if needed.

### **Hand sanitizer:**

- Provided at the entrance door and outside the restroom door.

### **Masks:**

- Required for participants except children 2 and below or those with verifiable medical exemption.
- Masks must cover both the nose and mouth. Masks must not be mesh, fleece, or have valves.
- A supply of disposable masks must be available in case a participant's mask does not meet the guidelines. Cloth and disposable masks will be available.
- The Pastor, music director, choir member, or reader may remove their mask for a portion of the service if they show proof of vaccination and they are 12-16ft away from the congregation.

### **Social distancing:**

- At least 6 feet between family groups.
- Chairs should be set up in advance to model and encourage proper distancing.

### **Contributions/offerings:**

- Offering plates will be in a designated area for you to drop off
- Nothing may be passed among participants.

**Communion:**

- Communion will be placed on a table with individual servings for families to come up one by one.

**Contact information:**

- Phone numbers or emails must be gathered for each individual/family group attending.
- Contact information must be provided for attendees to notify the organization if anyone tests positive or develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within two weeks of attending meetings/services.
- Ushers will be collecting this information and keeping it in a binder at the usher station.

**Health assessments:**

- In an effort to ensure the protection and safety of attendees clear signage will be posted identifying known symptoms of Covid-19, reminding any attendees that if they have been displaying symptoms they are asked to return home.

**Ventilation:**

- Windows and doors will be open to help with airflow.
- The HVAC air return will be on to help circulate the air along with fans.

**Printed material distribution:**

- Will be available upon request at the usher station.

**Kitchen use:**

- The kitchen will be closed at this time