

Santa Clarita Baptist Church – Return to Corporate Worship Plans

May 27, 2020

The Detailed SCBC Campus Reopening Plan:

The following SCBC Campus Reopening Plans are consistent with the County of Los Angeles Public Health “Protocol For Places of Worship” dated 5/26/20:

1. Church Campus and Worship Service Specific Plans:

Until further notice the following steps will be taken to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 based on guidelines provided by the State of California and LA County. Those with pre-existing conditions or health concerns should remain at home and watch the livestream services. SCBC cannot guarantee that individuals will not get infected with the virus. However, adherence to this plan by attendees will improve the safety of others:

The maximum attendance in the main sanctuary will be limited to 100 people total. If the total people on campus exceeds 100, then others may be asked to attend the livestreamed services in the smaller classrooms or the library.

Singing is a large part of SCBC worship. SCBC will sing either inside the building with masks on or will sing outdoors with masks optional. We may sing while standing in the courtyard while spread around at 6 feet distances or we may sing indoors but with masks in place. The worship director will give specific instructions at the service.

Ushers and Deacons will be available to answer questions or provide specific directions. Ushers and deacons will be familiar with these plans and will oversee implementation of these plans for corporate worship services. The names of those Ushers and Deacons in attendance will be posted at the entrance of the worship center.

Worshippers will enter the building through the side courtyard doors and exit through the foyer.

Greeters will be located at the entrance(s) to greet worshippers and to ensure masks are worn while entering the facility. Children under 2 years of age should not wear masks per the CDC guidelines. Worshippers may be screened for temperature and/or symptoms upon arrival.

Doors will be propped open where practicable to avoid door handle contact.

Public drinking fountains will be turned off with signs in place. No coffee or refreshments will be served on campus. For now, we will not schedule any potluck dinners. Bring your own bottled water, if needed.

Publications, bulletins, booklets and documents will be single-use or will not be shared.

The Deacons will determine the best method for serving communion but it will not include the passing of a communion tray. There are a variety of ways to allow communion participants to get the communion elements and those will be described at the next communion service.

2. Cleaning and disinfecting:

High contact areas such as door handles, bathroom handles, will be sanitized with cleaning fluids prior to worship service and approximately 15-20 minutes after the service starts.

Hand sanitizing dispensers will be marked and readily available at entrance points.

Offering collection boxes will be used for receiving offerings. Offering plates will not be passed. Giving can also be done online or by US Mail. See the weekly bulletin for giving details.

Depending on weather and security conditions, doors will be opened to introduce fresh air during the worship service.

3. Physical Distancing:

SCBC will continue to offer livestream for those who are sick or not yet comfortable with in-person attendance.

Chairs will be spaced to allow families or households to stay together and worship together. Chairs will be spaced to provide for a 6 foot spacing. Ushers will help move chairs to accommodate your specific grouping and needs.

If the services exceed 100 in attendance, then ushers will direct worshippers to alternative rooms for livestream onsite worship.

Children will remain in the care of those in their household. Parents should guide and monitor their children to keep a distance from children of other households and respect those requests.

Before and after service, worshippers will be directed to outdoor areas for fellowship at a 6 foot distance. Ushers will move people out of the lobby or entrance areas to prevent congestion points.

4. Recordkeeping and Notifications:

If you experience COVID-19 symptoms after attending a church worship service, please notify one of the Deacons or Ushers so that we can notify the health department and initiate proper steps to notify people that may have been near you in the worship service. Our goal is to minimize further spread of the virus.

This plan will be updated as State or County requirements change or as we observe the need for improvements. SCBC will post this plan and revisions publicly in the church foyer and at each entrance. SCBC will use Facebook, email and the SCBC website at www.scbc.cc to post the most recent plans to allow people to be familiar with these requirements and plans prior to attending church services.

5. Closing Thought and Notes:

Above all, please be patient as we work through these major transitions. We are doing our best to comply with the requirements imposed on us and we will comply out of a genuine love for others. Also, some people will be in church attendance but will not be ready to hug or shake hands like before all of this started. So, please give others some time and safe distance. Be prepared with warm words of love and greetings and learn to smile with your eyes (because we won't be able to see your smiling mouth).

Briefly: Stay at home if you or a family member are sick; Wear your mask; Keep a safe distance; Wash your hands; and Pray for God to help our health care workers, doctors, scientists, and leaders.