

## **Guidelines for Attendance – Desert Vineyard Church Phase 1 (Dated 9/1/20)**

### **Outdoor gatherings**

Currently state guidelines have made permissible church gatherings outdoors while maintaining ten feet social distancing between non household members. Effective September 13, 2020, we will be hosting Sunday morning services live at 8:00am in the outdoor pavilion. Additionally, we will be hosting small group meetings throughout the week in the pavilion and courtyard outdoor areas. As we phase into a safe reopening with the goal of eventually returning to a full-fledged schedule, here are a few things you should expect. We have developed these protocols in compliance with the State of California guidelines and so you will be safe at church. Your cooperation is appreciated as we submit to governing authorities and seek to protect your health and safety. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions by emailing [info@desertvineyard.org](mailto:info@desertvineyard.org). We would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

### **Before You Come:**

If you are over the age of 65, have any underlying health conditions, or are a primary caregiver for someone with underlying conditions, we strongly advise you not to attend our live meetings but rather to watch our online services at home, or join a virtual group online during this phase. We understand that you are much more vulnerable. We love you and desire to protect you. The decision will be yours, but we will be vigilant in continuing online ministry to you.

Kid's/Youth Ministry will not be available at this time. There are many challenges with kids wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing. Therefore we ask that parents with children, who make the decision to attend live services exercise caution in keeping children with you at all times. Initial (phase 1) small group meetings are to be for adults only. Please note that various kids and youth programming are available online.

The Live Stream of the weekend services will continue to be provided on Sundays at 10am so those who are high risk or uncomfortable gathering in person will be able to join us virtually. Sunday services will also be available throughout the week (streaming but not live) to view online through our website. Midweek services are available online at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

Respectfully, we ask that you not attend if you or any members of your household:

- Had a fever of over 100.4 degrees, a cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or a new loss of taste or smell in the past 72 hours
- Traveled out-of-state such that they would need to be mandated by the state to self-quarantine
- Had contact with someone with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days
- Seek medical advice if you believe you may have a relevant underlying medical condition as defined by the CDC, prior to undertaking any activity outside of the home.

- Check your temperature at home prior to attending. If you have a fever, please stay home and seek appropriate medical advice.
- Bring a mask for you and all family members aged 2 and up. Wearing a mask will be required.
- Wash your hands before and after service (at home).
- Stay six feet from others at all times.
- Cover your coughs or sneezes according to CDC recommendations using your elbow or tissue that is disposed of immediately.
- Visit hand sanitizer stations frequently.

Please do not:

- Shake hands or hug
- Come to church if you are sick
- Touch your hands to your nose and mouth

#### **What to Expect When You Arrive:**

- Parking will be available on the east parking lot. Please allow one empty parking space between other parked vehicles in order to maintain social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer and face masks will be made available to those who did not bring their own.
- We will be utilizing the pavilion (playground) area for Sunday morning services. Please follow signs posted as well as any instructions provided by staff and serve team for way finding. Please note that there will be separate designated entrance (pavilion east gate) and separate designated exits (pavilion west gate) . It is imperative that you follow these exit/exit points for everyone's safety. (same applies for small group gatherings).
- Restrooms; we will be utilizing the main auditorium restrooms, use will be limited to one (1) male and one (1) female at a time. Cleaning/disinfecting of bathrooms and hard surfaces will take place after each use. (Ministry center rest rooms may be utilized for groups gatherings).
- Seating – Outdoor seating (where singing is allowed) is to be spaced at 10' distances. Household and family members may sit together but 10' from other couples or individuals. Hard plastic chairs will be disinfected following each service. Seating for groups where singing will not occur will be at 6' distances.
- Masks must be worn throughout the service at all times.
- No food or drinks will be provided. Communion will not be served. We request that you do not bring food or drink of any kind, except water.

- Handouts (such as bulletins, flyers, etc.) will not be distributed. With the exception that disposable color sheets and crayons will be made available to kids.
- No baskets, plates, or any other type of offering/tithe collection apparatus will be passed around. Buckets or offering stations will be available to those who would like to physically donate to the church and will be watched by welcome/security team members and will be contactless in nature. We encourage you to utilize our online giving platforms.
- We encourage you to maintain physical distancing and have no physical contact with others outside your household (handshake, hug, etc.).
- For the purpose of contact tracing you agree to provide your name and phone number when requested.

### **After the Service:**

Please contact the church immediately if you experience any flu-like symptoms and seek medical advice.

If we become aware that someone who has been in a service becomes ill, we will follow these procedures for your safety:

- We will ask the person to stay home and seek medical care if needed. Persons should stay at home for at least fourteen days after symptoms started AND three days after symptoms are improved and fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- We will contact health officials and assist with determining who needs to be contacted for responsible contact tracing.
- We will close for 24 hours following any confirmed COVID-19 cases. Any areas we determine the confirmed COVID-19 person visited will be sanitized.

Sanitizing Facilities - For your health and safety, we have increased cleaning and sanitation. In addition to regular janitorial cleaning, we will follow these procedures:

Bathrooms - Bathroom use will be limited to one (1) male and one (1) female at a time. With the only point of entry at the east side of the Main Auditorium (for Sunday services) and exiting the west doors, and the north entrance to the Ministry Center building (for groups), exiting the south doors. Cleaning/disinfecting of bathrooms and hard surfaces will take place after each use.

Sanitizer stations will be available before and after services.

### **Statement of Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Related to Coronavirus/ COVID-19**

By attending the Desert Vineyard Church, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by

COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, Ministry employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against the Ministry and any other listed parties, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.