



WILLOW GLEN BIBLE CHURCH

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CHANGES TO COUNTY & STATE GUIDELINES

Dear WGBC Family,

We love you all and are so grateful that we are able to meet together once again with fewer and fewer restrictions as we move forward. Please know that we are doing our best to stay on top of all guidelines from the Supreme Court, the state and the county, many of which vary and can be challenging to sort out as to what they mean for us as a church community.

Our overriding concern is to care well for the WGBC family and our community at large. This means that sometimes we might ask you to follow guidelines that are a bit tighter than what regulations allow at any given time. There are some in our community still feeling very vulnerable and it is our privilege to extend grace and care for them as they long to gather for community worship while still being quite cautious. Let us continue to consider others as more important than ourselves and do all we can to make Sunday gatherings a sweet place of love and safety for all.

WHAT DO THE CHANGES MEAN FOR OUR PARKTUARY SERVICE?

On March 3rd, Santa Clara County entered the State's "Red Tier" and lifted it's local industry specific health directives, and instead instituted the State's rules. As a church we have committed to following the State and County guidelines, and now is no different, so let us outline some of the most notable changes we'll experience going forward. Visitors to our *Outdoor* Gatherings are welcomed in accordance to the State's guidelines on mask wearing and on outdoor religious gatherings. What does this mean for you?

- Once service has begun and everyone is at their seats (either sitting or standing) you may remove your face covering as long as 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained.
- Singing is expressly permitted, from both our worship team and congregation, in fact we highly encourage it! With these new guidelines, as long as everyone

remains at their socially distanced seats, we can sing. However, the State Guidelines are clear that **any member of the congregation who sings must wear a mask** (our worship team has different rules to follow).

- Because 6 feet of social distancing is difficult to maintain when we're talking, walking and moving around, **we ask that you wear your masks before and after service, or at any time you leave your seat.** This keeps us in line with the rules, and helps provide a safe environment for everyone, especially those of us who are uncomfortable with these new rules but still wish to attend.

CHANGES TO OUR WAIVER

We've made changes to our waiver to reflect the changes in the county and state guidelines. **No further action is necessary on your part.** If you would like to see the changes made to our waiver click on the link below.

<https://wgbible.churchcenter.com/people/forms/148419>