

# **SAFETY PROTOCOL FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE**

March 15, 2022

Dear El Estero Church Family, Friends, and Visitors.

Praise God that after a 2-year suspension of onsite and in-person worship services, we are excited to be back in church. The Session of El Estero continues to do our due diligence as we gather back for in-person services that will help all attendees to feel safe, secure and comfortable. Therefore, we kindly request everyone to follow our in-person onsite safety protocol. This protocol will be evaluated on a regular basis. For the month of April there will be no Coffee Hour.

## **CHECK-IN:**

Before attending the service, you must answer the following questions and adhere to the church protocol. (Please arrive 15 minutes before service to answer the following questions:

- 1.) Are you experiencing any of the following symptom(s); Chills or shaking; headaches; congestion or runny nose; fever; fatigue; loss of taste or smell; nausea or vomiting; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; muscle aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea?

If you answer "Yes" to any of these, you may be asked not to attend the service.

- 2.) In the past two weeks did you have close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with someone with symptoms of COVID-19 or who tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answer "Yes" then you may be asked not to attend the service.

- 3.) In the past two weeks, have you tested for COVID-19?

If you answer "Yes, I have tested and I am waiting for results" or "Yes, I tested positive" then you may be asked not to attend the service.

- 4.) Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of service to provide enough time for seating.

- 5.) Your temperature will NOT be taken.

**SEATING:**

- 1.) Please maintain social distancing.

**WORSHIP SERVICE:**

- 1.) While indoors, you must keep your face mask on. If you choose not to wear a mask you may view the worship service on the monitors in the Fellowship Hall. When singing we ask that you continue to wear your face mask.
- 2.) You may stand during worship.
- 3.) For Communion we will partake of the bread and use disposable communion cups.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

These instructions are for those participating in service, (ushers, greeters, sound operators, etc.). Arrive 30 minutes before the service.

- 1.) Keep your mask on during the service. Speaker(s) may remove their facemask when speaking.
- 2.) If there are more than one speaker at a microphone, please use the provided Lysol to wipe and clean the microphone.

**VENUE:**

- 1.) When the service ends, you must leave the sanctuary. Be careful to social distance as we enjoy our fellowship time downstairs or in the parking lot or patio.

**OTHER:**

- 1.) Hand sanitizers will be provided in different areas around the church facilities.
- 2.) Masks are available if needed or requested.

**CLEANING:**

- 1.) All microphones will be cleaned and sanitized.
- 2.) All chairs and pews will be sanitized.
- 3.) All doorknobs and handles will be sanitized.
- 4.) Restroom will be cleaned sanitized.
- 5.) Podium and microphones will be sanitized.
- 6.) All church instruments will be sanitized.
- 7.) Church will be cleaned bi-monthly by church cleaning service.