

REOPENING POLICY FOR WORSHIP AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

I. Worship

1. In accordance with recent recommendations by the CDC and the State and County Health Departments, all attendees of indoor worship services, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, will wear masks at all times, except for children under three years of age. Masks will be made available for those who forget to bring a mask.
2. All worship leaders (liturgists, singers, preachers, readers, etc.) will be verified vaccinated.
3. Masked Deacon greeters stationed outside on the steps shall ensure proper masking and proper spacing of worshipers to prevent any congestion inside the Narthex. Deacon greeters are encouraged to refrain from any physical contact while greeting worshipers.
4. To maximize air circulation, the doors from the Narthex into the Sanctuary, and the side doors leading to the west side driveway and to the Social Hall should remain open during service; an extra fan should be added to each doorway. The air conditioning and its circulation fan should be turned on well before the service begins and remain on until the end of Adult Education class.
5. Worshipers must maintain 3 – foot social distancing throughout the sanctuary, except for families who live together. The sanctuary capacity will be 176 people (50%). This recommendation will be reviewed and revised by the Session on an ongoing basis with consideration of health and safety advisories.
6. Service music (including hymns and anthems) will be provided by the church organist and 8-10 verified vaccinated and masked choir members. Congregation members will be invited to hum along.
7. Worshipers should be encouraged to greet each other with words or gestures, not physical contact. The pastors should remind worshipers of this restriction during the Passing of the Peace—without worshipers leaving their seats—and when greeting worshipers after the service.
8. Hand sanitizer will be available on the seats of each church pew, as usual. High touch areas such as door knobs and light switches will be cleaned daily by the custodians. Offertory plates should not be passed, but should be positioned in front of the doors leading to the Sanctuary from the Social Hall and the doors leading into the Sanctuary from the Narthex.

9. Communion will be served by verified vaccinated and masked worship leaders. Worshippers will remain seated and receive individually prepared elements.
10. Baptisms will be conducted at the discretion of the pastoral staff.

II. Children's Church School

1. In accordance with recent recommendations by the CDC and the State and County Health Departments, all Church School teachers and volunteers, and all participating children three years and older must be masked at all times.
2. With the move of the Church's Administrative offices from Lincoln House to rooms in the Simpson Wing of the church, the following rooms for Church School can include: the "pre- school room, the south half of the Fireside Room (the part with the piano in it), the Social Hall and Rooms 1, 5, and 6 in the basement. MaryJo Blazek, Children's Ministry Director, has outlined two options for using these rooms, depending on whether singing by children will take place, the number of children attending, and the number of volunteers available.
 - a. The first option calls for Children's Choir rehearsal time (children must be 3 foot socially distanced) and four teachers,
 - b. the second option calls for no choir time and needs three teachers. The south portion of the Fireside Room would be used for choir rehearsal space. The preschool children will meet in the Preschool Room, and a portion of the Social Hall will be allocated to grades K-3, and it is possible that grades 4 and 5 will meet in a basement room. Social distancing of 3 feet will be enforced in all activities.
3. In order for there to be healthy air flow, fans and air purifiers must be installed in every room used for Church School and the Nursery.
4. During the month of October, church school will be held outdoors.

III. The Nursery:

1. The Nursery Supervisor and any other person or volunteer in the Nursery must provide proof of COVID vaccination to the church office and wear a mask while in the Nursery.
2. Children three years and older in the Nursery are capable of wearing a mask and will be encouraged to do so. When dropping off or picking up children in the Nursery, parents must wear masks.

IV. Adult Education: will meet in the Sanctuary to avoid conflicts with church school and to enable streaming to remote worshipers, using the same infrastructure as Worship Services.

V. Coffee Fellowship:

1. Coffee Fellowship, supervised by the Membership and Communication Committee (M&C), and prepared and served by church boards and committee members, will take place outside on the front patio, weather permitting.
2. For the time being it is recommended that only liquids be served, and all liquids –coffee, tea, water and cream (individually packaged)—must be served individually by gloved and masked servers. Cookies may be phased in a month after reopening, depending upon an assessment of county health conditions by M&C.

VI. Taizé Services: Any of the recommendations for Sunday morning worship will also apply to Taizé services.