

Greetings All,

Our reopening leadership team met yesterday and in light of improving statistics in our county, we have decided to reopen for in-person activities **on February 21**, with strict adherence to our *Reopening Protocol* as well as state and local guidelines. During our previous reopening, we had become somewhat lax in observance of our protocol. This time, we have seen how quickly COVID-19 can get out of hand in our valley and we are going to be more vigilant.

Here are the statistics we were looking at yesterday.

- Testing positivity rate has gone from 28% to less than 10%. Yesterday it was 7.2%. I see that today it has gone up a bit, is still well below the 10% mark.
- A week ago, the 14-day moving average of daily infections was 135. Today it is 4.
- Active cases are 724, down from nearly 1000 a week ago.
- Websites we are using:
 - https://covidactnow.org/us/nevada-nv/county/douglas_county/?s=1574514
 - <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/> (click on Douglas County)
 - <https://carsoncity.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/b0afc9fe4f7e4448a23fe06c0837d8ae>

What this means for you when you come to church:

- Starting February 21, we will have one worship service on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Additionally, we will continue to have new weekly recorded worship services available on YouTube, as we have been throughout this pandemic.
- Everyone must wear a mask and wear it properly (over the mouth and nose).
- No handshaking, hugging, or other physical contact between people not living in the same household.
- Six foot distancing to be maintained between people not living in the same household.
- Conversations among people not in the same household must take place outside the church building.
- Everyone is expected to ensure that they do not have a fever before coming to the church.
- If you have had Covid-19 and are recovering/recovered, you can expect your temperature to be taken when you enter the church building.
- We will take attendance information so that you can be notified in the unexpected event of an exposure to COVID.
- At this point, the Nevada Governor has imposed a 50 person maximum on gatherings. This will be difficult, but if we reach this limit, we will try to let you know that we are at our limit before you get out of your car.
- We aren't allowed to have any drink/food fellowship after the worship service.

What this means for Church ministries:

- Church ministries are to follow the same procedures as our church-wide protocol.
- Each ministry group that uses the church must have a person that is identified as being responsible for ensuring that the protocols are followed, including the cleanup.

What this means for Community groups that use the church:

- All non-church community groups must have their own COVID-19 protocol on file with our church.

- If a group had a COVID-19 protocol approved prior to our shutdown in November, then that group is ready to meet again with no additional requirements.
- If a group does not have an approved COVID-19 protocol on file with our church they are welcome to contact our church office for a copy of our requirements. After they submit their protocol, it will be reviewed for approval by our reopening leadership team.

Thank you for your patience as we get back to worshiping together in person. Of course, even this plan for reopening on Feb 21 is subject to review by our reopening team if the COVID-19 statistics take a drastic turn for the worse.

God's Peace and Power be With Us All, -- pastor tony
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Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGKF2yURBZt4QZv-i0tCvSg>