

# **Bethel Church Vashon Island**

## **COVID-19 Exposure Control, Mitigation and Recovery Plan**

(in accordance with CDC and Washington State guidelines for Indoors and Outdoors)

**Washington State Phase 2:** Hold indoor services at a place of worship with up to 25% capacity, which would be 74 people in the Bethel Worship Center, so long as six feet of physical distancing can be achieved between households and masks are worn by everyone.

**Washington State Phase 3:** Hold indoor services at a place of worship with up to 50% capacity, which would be 148 people in the Bethel Worship Center, so long as six feet of physical distancing can be achieved between households and masks are worn by everyone.

**Bethel Church COVID 19 Supervisor:** Doug Bunger - 206 567 4255

### **Coming and Going:**

1. All employees, members, and visitors in attendance **must wear face coverings before, during, and after the service (whether indoor or outdoor)**. If someone is unable to wear a face mask, they are encouraged to participate through our live stream online service from home, or alternatively, they can tune into the service in our church parking lot via their car radio in their personal vehicle through the radio broadcast option we will make available. If a member or visitor insists on being in the worship center without a mask, we will discontinue the service until we can resume safely as to honor our church policy and state law.
2. Before arriving at the church campus, please make sure that your temperature is less than 100.4F (we will have thermometers available in the lobby), that you and anyone attending with you has a mask on (we will have extras in the lobby in case someone doesn't have one) and that you and others in your family attending with you are not sick. If you have been in contact with someone within the last 14 days who has tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home. [WA requirement #15]
3. Please, greet each other with a friendly smile and "hello", but no handshakes or hugs at this time. Maintain at least 6 feet between you and others, unless that person is in your immediate household. [WA requirement #12]
4. The main doors to the worship center will be open. Greeters will maintain 6 feet of separation. Please, do not enter or exit the church in any way other than the open entrances. [WA requirement #3]
5. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have attended a Bethel Church function in the last 14 days, please call the **Bethel Church office at 206 567 4255**, so we can anonymously inform our congregation and work with the health officials in our county.

## **Sanitation:**

1. These areas of the church will be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after Sunday Worship Service [WA requirement #10]:
  - a. Worship Center
  - b. Restrooms
  - c. Doors in all these spaces
2. All spaces used outside of Sunday Worship will be sanitized. [WA requirement #10]
3. Soap is provided for use in each restroom for washing hands. [WA requirement #8]
4. Restroom doors will be propped open. Only 2 persons at a time are permitted in the restrooms. [WA requirement #7]
5. Hand sanitizer will be provided for use in the lobby. [WA requirement #8]
6. Facial masks will be worn by all individuals that can medically and are not under the age of 2. [WA requirement #4]
7. Tissues and Trashcans will be available for use [WA requirement #14]
8. Disinfectants will be available for use and kept in supply [WA requirement #9]

## **Worship Center:**

1. Alternating rows of pews will be available for seating and they will have markings every 6 feet to help households sit together while maintaining the CDC-recommended 6 feet from other church families. [WA requirement #12]
2. Singing is permitted, but individuals must not remove their face coverings to sing – masks must stay on for the duration of the service. [WA requirement #6] The only exception to this policy is those leading worship, prayer and presenting up front. Only those individuals will be able to remove their masks, but only for the duration of their portion of the service. They must wear masks before and after. When their masks are off, they must maintain at least 15 ft. from other people. (For more information on this exception, you can visit the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries website – [www.lni.wa.gov](http://www.lni.wa.gov), or call them at 1-800-4-BE SAFE and speak to one of their employees.)
3. The bread and cup for communion during the first Sunday of the month will be in pre-assembled, single-serve portions that will be on a table in the lobby to be picked up by individuals as they enter the sanctuary before the service starts. They will not be passed out during service. [WA requirement #5]

4. Ventilation systems will be operated as applicable in the building to prevent the stagnation of the air [WA requirement #13]

## **Children**

1. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot offer children's ministries or nursery to limit contact between families. The gym will also be closed with the exception of overflow seating to view the worship service if the need arises.
2. Please, bring your children with you to worship with us! It may be helpful to have a discussion with your children prior to coming to church on the importance of following these guidelines and remaining 6 feet away from other children and families not from their household. Children under 5 years of age are not required to wear masks, but children aged 3-5 are strongly encouraged to wear masks and all other children are required to wear masks along with the adults.

## **At-Risk Individuals**

1. CDC has designated certain groups of our population as being more at risk of having serious complications due to the virus, and recommends that individuals in these at-risk groups take extra precautions in order to not contract this highly-contagious disease. According to the CDC these groups include the elderly (age 65 and older), those with underlying health conditions, and those with disabilities. For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
2. If you are a person in one of these categories, you are advised by the CDC to take extra precautions. These extra precautions may include staying home, where you can watch and/or listen to our live stream or a recording of the worship service.

## **Known Cases of COVID-19**

1. Bethel Church will notify the church family (via email and/or phone call) if we become aware that someone who has recently attended in-person services tests positive for COVID 19.
2. Bethel Church will also notify King County of any such positive cases of COVID-19, and we will advise the church family to follow the 14 day self-quarantine guidelines of the State Department of Health:  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDExposed.pdf>
3. If cases of COVID 19 spike on Vashon Island, we will follow the recommendations of our county health officials as to how and when to modify our services.

**Postings:**

1. This document will be emailed to members of Bethel Church and be posted in the following locations: [WA requirement #1]
  - a. Bethel Church Website
  - b. Each entry to the church
  - c. Lobby
  - d. Worship Center
  
2. CDC, DOH and OSHA signs will be prominently displayed as appropriate in the following locations: [WA requirement #2]
  - a. Each entry to the church
  - b. Lobby
  - c. Restrooms
  
3. Those places that are not being used during service or other gatherings at the church will be posted "DO NOT ENTER"