

Back to church – Protection plan

Principle: Physical Distancing – But socially kind and spiritually united

Our Sunday service will resume at the premises of the Methodist Church on June 14 at 12:00 noon. After a trial time of three weeks until the end of June, we will decide how we are going to meet throughout the summer months.

1. **Participation**

-Everybody can participate in the service. We strongly encourage people with underlying medical condition not to participate. Participation is an individual decision.

Those who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms like cough, cold, fever and anyone who has been in contact with an infected person in the last 2 weeks stays at home.

The church leadership reminds participants of the general hygiene measures based on the guidelines of the FOPH (BAG). These include frequent washing of hands and keeping a safe distance of 2 meters.

2. **Sitting**

-Due to the prescribed social distancing, a maximum of 60 people can be together in the main chapel at the same time (4m² per person). There are indications on the benches to keep the safe distance. These are indications. People who live together under the same roof can sit together. But if a family fills up one bench, the bench in front and behind should remain empty. The first row remains empty.

3. **Disinfection**

-The church premises are disinfected before and after our service by the concierge.

4. **Entry and hygiene station**

-Entry to the church is through the main entrance (Côté Riponne).

-A hygiene station (masks and disinfectant) is set up at the entrance. Each person must disinfect their hands. Wearing a mask is recommended. Handshakes and Bisous are prohibited.

5. **Worship**

-Time of common worship is reduced. Communal singing is only allowed when wearing a mask. Otherwise just hum along. Singing in the sitting position is preferable.

6. **Lord's supper and Offering**

-Sharing of the Lord's supper is not possible for the moment.

-We will not pass the offering. An offering box will be available at the back table.

7. **Record of participants**

-We are obliged to keep records of the participants. Regulars will be ticked off on a copy of the church address list. Visitors must give their names and phone number. This list will be transmitted to the authorities in case of infection of a participant.

The list of participants will be kept privately by one person and destroyed after two weeks.

8. **Contact tracing**

-Any person infected with Covid-19 should immediately alert the church leaders if she/he participated in a Sunday service.

9. **Various**

-The use of the sanitary rooms is limited to one person at the time.

-No food or beverages will be served after the service.

Based on the Protection Plan of the Swiss Free Churches (freikirchen.ch) and the Methodist Church.

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Signed: Leadership Team of the International Evangelical Church