

## Protection plan

Principle: Physical Distancing – But socially kind and spiritually united

Since the beginning of December we are offering again a regular Sunday service in the premises of the Methodist Church every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please refer to the website for the detailed program, since regularly we also meet on Zoom.

Our protection plan remains in place and has been adapted based on the latest restrictions by Authorities of the Canton de Vaud and the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH, BAG) taking effect December 01.

The guiding principle is INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

### 1. **Participation**

-A maximum of 30 persons can participate in a 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 1.5 meters.

-Wearing of mask is compulsory.

### 2. **Sitting**

-Due to the prescribed social distancing, a maximum of 30 people can be together in the main chapel at the same time. 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 compulsory. Handshakes and Bisous are prohibited.

### 5. **Worship**

-Everybody remains seated during the whole service. Communal singing is no longer allowed. Lead singer from the front, keeping the safe distance is allowed, the congregation can just hum along.

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

-The sharing of the Lord's supper is possible, since we use individual cups. Its preferable not to cut bread, but serve crackers which do not need any cutting. These crackers are distributed with tongs. The LT will decide month by month if we share the Communion.

-We collect the offering with individual offering bags.

### 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 a time.
- Sharing of fellowship meal on the first Sunday of the month has been suspended by decision of the IECL LT until further notice.

Based on the Protection Plan of the Swiss Free Churches ([freikirchen.ch](http://freikirchen.ch)), the Methodist Church and the Covid-19 pages of the EERV website (Reformed Church Canton de Vaud)

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