**Golden Gate Christian Church**

**Covid-19 Health Guidelines on Church Property**

**Current as of: August 20, 2021**

**(Subject to state, county, and city mandates)**

**Purpose:**

The goal of this document is to maintain the health and well-being of each individual who enters the church property. This includes any employee, support staff, or guest. GGCC guidelines may be more strict than the San Francisco city/county mandates, but will not be more lenient.

GGCC is not requiring that patrons/visitors be vaccinated or produce a negative covid-19 test in order to enter the building. All individuals are to perform a self-health evaluation prior to entering the building and interacting with others.

The following guidelines are for all indoor situations when people gather and interact with others. This includes Sunday Worship Services, classes, meetings, receptions, and other gatherings under 1,000 people in attendance. These guidelines comply with the current San Francisco county/city requirement (Order No. C19-07y, dated August 12, 2021).

1. **General Guidelines:**
2. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask that completely covers their nose and mouth.
3. Any unmasking will be allowed in compliance with the most current SF order (for example, vaccinated preachers or speakers are currently allowed to unmask while standing on the stage during the Sunday service).
4. Contact tracing will continue until further notice. The church office administrator should be notified if there is a possible exposure of any attendee.
5. Persons wearing a mask are allowed to briefly remove it to participate in Communion.
6. Physical distancing is not required.
7. There are no limitations on attendance capacities.
8. Additional “deep cleaning” is not required except in the case of a suspected exposure of an attendee.
9. **Food and Beverage Guidelines:**
10. The serving of food to a group (for example, buffet style or “family” style) is highly discouraged.
11. Foods should be limited to the individual consuming it (for example, individual to-go containers from a restaurant or individual pre-packaged meals).
12. Participants are allowed to lower their masks to place food or drink into their mouths.
13. If food is served to a group (for example, buffet style or “family” style), then all participants at the event must be fully vaccinated and verify this status to the event leader/coordinator.
14. Vaccination verification is by showing (1) their physical vaccination card, or (2) a photo of their vaccination card, or (3) a digital record issued by the state of California.
15. **Physical Activity Guidelines:**
16. Fitness/recreational activities include: stretching, yoga, tai-chi classes.
17. Any fitness/recreational activity requires all participants to be fully vaccinated and verify this status to the event leader/coordinator.
18. Vaccination verification is by showing (1) their physical vaccination card, or (2) a photo of their vaccination card, or (3) a digital record issued by the state of California.
19. **Additional Requirements Concerning Vaccination of Employees:**
20. Any organization that (1) serves food/drink and/or (2) offers fitness/recreational classes must require all employees to be vaccinated.
21. Vaccination verification is by showing (1) their physical vaccination card, or (2) a photo of their vaccination card, or (3) a digital record issued by the state of California.
22. If an employee is not vaccinated, then the employer/organization will (1) allow the employee until 10/13/2021 to get fully vaccinated, or (2) require regular Covid-19 testing and grant paid time off for the testing.
23. The frequency of testing is at the employer’s discretion.
24. **Building Use for Outside Organizations:**
25. Requests for use will be considered on a case-by-case basis with final approval by the Council.
26. Each outside organization is expected to comply with the current GGCC guidelines.