



December 10, 2021

TO: The EFCGV Church Family
FR: Your COVID Council
RE: Updates to COVID Protocol at EFCGV

Greetings in Christ!

Your COVID Council, even after 21 months, is still meeting and praying to God for wisdom on how to navigate this pandemic.

Until last Wednesday, we could say with reasonable confidence that no one has ever contracted COVID on our church premises. But that is no longer the case.

Presently, we have about 15 people from our church who have COVID, picked up from a variety of places, largely away from our facility. Please pray for full and complete recoveries.

Over the last month or so, we have had three members graduate to heaven, from COVID, in local hospitals, all of whom contracted COVID in places other than EFCGV. Like Jesus at the funeral of His dear friend Lazarus, we weep. But we do not grieve as those without hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13), for we know where and with Whom they are!

After the COVID Council meeting today, we wish to communicate the following COVID protocol information to you.

1. Although masks are not required, yet for all venues, including entering the church building, **the EFCGV facility is now a mask recommended facility.** We also recommend **social distancing**, whenever possible, in an abundance of caution, especially when you are around people you don't know.
2. After careful evaluation of attendance numbers and trends, we are modifying some venues but are not canceling any venue.

Sunday mornings: mask and social distancing recommended.

Choir Christmas Concert (Sunday, December 19, 5:00 PM): In addition to mask and social-distancing recommendations, seating is available in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Classrooms. This service will be live streamed.

Christmas Eve Service (Friday, December 24, 3:00 PM): In addition to mask and social-distancing recommendations, seating is available in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Classrooms. This service will be live streamed.

Scheduled meetings and activities on site: mask and social distancing recommended.

3. **For those who have officially contracted COVID**, the following steps are required before coming back to any venue at the EFCGV property.

A minimum of ten days away from our facility after contracting COVID PLUS a minimum of 7 days of normal temperature.

4. **For those who have had direct and close exposure to someone with COVID**, the following steps are required before coming back to any venue at the EFCGV property.

A quarantine minimum of five days PLUS a negative COVID test.

5. **For those who have not officially contracted COVID, but live with someone who has COVID**, the following steps are required before coming back to any venue at the EFCGV property.

Self-quarantine along with your COVID positive family member until he/she meets the requirements of #3 above PLUS a negative COVID test.

6. The **same standards** also apply to pastors and church staff members as well.

Please know that the church is purchasing at-home COVID test kits. Let us know if you need one.

If you have any questions about how any of this applies to your unique situation, please contact Jack Taylor, at our church office (520-648-6781).

I am again reminded and take great comfort in Psalm 121:

*"I lift up my eyes to the mountains...where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth...
the LORD will watch over your life, the LORD will watch over
your coming and going both now and forevermore."*

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