



Dear APC Friends in Christ,

As we continue to rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection, we have some new and encouraging information to share with you.

The Council has approved the following changes to our APC Coronavirus Guidelines, as next steps for our congregational life and ministry and as positive signs that we are moving forward in emerging out of the pandemic.

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THIS COMING SUNDAY, 24 APRIL

- **CHILDREN** will be with us in the church sanctuary each Sunday for the 1st part of the worship service (through the Children's Sermon), and then they will go downstairs for Children's Church.
- We will **NOT be following 3G Rules for entry** to the church.
- **MASKS:** All Persons ages 15 and older still will be required to wear a FFP2, N95, KN95, or a Medical Mask at All Times in the church building.
- **MASKS FOR CHILDREN:** Children ages 7-14 still will be required to wear a Medical Mask at All Times in the church building.
- *All persons who lead in worship or sing in a music ministry group will be required to take a self-administered, rapid antigen (schnell) test on Sunday mornings before worship and also on the day of music rehearsals. (The 2G rule no longer applies for these groups.)*
- *Fellowship Gatherings and Eating will continue to be Only Outdoors.*

APC GUIDELINES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT ON / AFTER 24TH APRIL

- Come to Worship and Children's Church with **no Pre-Registration required.**
- **No limit on the number of persons in the Sanctuary**, although appropriate social distancing will continue to be observed.
- Nursery may have up to a total of 8 persons.
- **Bibles and hymnals have been placed in the pews.**
- Sharing Christ's Peace – **People are encouraged to stand but remain in the pews.**
- The mid-week play group has started again, during term time.
- **Hand Hygiene – Use hand sanitizer at the church entrance.**
- **Communion – Pre-packaged communion elements will continue to be used.**
- Music Ministry Groups and Worship Leaders - all music ministry groups and worship leaders may remove their masks while leading the congregation in singing or worship.
- Children's Church – Children's Church downstairs (not including the Nursery) will remain at a total of 30 persons (as required by the SMC). While no pre-registration is required for Children's Church, the numbers will be monitored by Children's Ministry teachers / leaders.

- No Changes in the current Guidelines for ventilation and the following hygiene-related measures: required cleaning after services and activities; no indoor eating / drinking / fellowship; kitchen to be used by 3 persons or less to prepare for outdoor fellowship events.

WORDS OF HOPE

We are very thankful for your compassionate understanding, your support, and your cooperation throughout the 2+ years of the global pandemic.

We give thanks to God that on recent Sundays more people are coming to worship and sharing in the coffee fellowship time after worship.

We encourage all APC members and friends who are able to do so, to please join us on Sunday mornings for worship and fellowship. Over the course of the next three months, we have many more fellowship events and opportunities for congregational connections planned. We are looking forward to seeing you, because you are an important part of the body of Christ at APC.

In the Hope of the Risen Christ,

The APC Council