



Southern California Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Requirements Grid for Reopening & Operating Southern California Conference Churches

*Overriding Principle: Always make decisions based on
prioritizing the health and safety of our members
and their families during this pandemic.*

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ITEM/ACTIVITY	PRE-OPENING	INITIAL OPENING/ONGOING OPERATIONS
1 Vulnerable populations*	Should not participate in person	Should not attend or participate in person
2 Temperature screening on arrival	Temperature screening on arrival, using an infrared “touchless” thermometer	Temperature screening on arrival, using an infrared “touchless” thermometer
3 In-person Sabbath school	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms
4 Children’s Sabbath school (cradle roll & kindergarten)	Not allowed	Not allowed
5 Minimum distance from speaker to attendees	N/A	Fifteen (15) feet
6 Praise team	Not allowed, instrumental music only (no wind instruments) with appropriate social distancing and masking	Not allowed, instrumental music only (no wind instruments) with appropriate social distancing and masking
7 Choir	N/A	Not allowed
8 Congregational singing	N/A	Not allowed
9 Children’s story	N/A	Children not allowed in front; must be with and under direct supervision of parents all times
10 Congregational prayer/garden of prayer	N/A	Prayer requests may be submitted via electronic means, no gathering at the front of the church
11 Bulletins or handouts	N/A	Not allowed
12 Attendee documentation	N/A	Pictures with appropriate resolution/distance to identify attendees, electronic check-in process is encouraged.

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ITEM/ACTIVITY	PRE-OPENING	INITIAL OPENING/ONGOING OPERATIONS
13 Wearing of masks (supply of masks should be available for individuals who did not bring their own)	Mandatory for all participants when not actively speaking, minimum of fifteen (15) clear feet in front of speaker	Mandatory for all attendees except when unable or unsafe, i.e., small children or others to whom wearing a mask would present risk. Can only be removed while speaking on platform, and speaker must be minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any attendee.
14 Offering collection	Online, mail or drop-off collection box only	Online, mail or drop-off collection box only
15 Estimated maximum capacity per service in order to comply with social distancing	N/A	Twenty-five (25) percent of the building's capacity or 100 maximum attendees (whichever is less)
16 Available pew spacing and seating	N/A	Minimum of eight (8) feet from back of pew to front of next available pew
17 Communion	N/A	Unleavened bread and grape juice must be picked up prior to service (or made at home), foot washing must observe social distancing and may only be performed by family units living together.
18 Cleaning between services	N/A	Thorough cleaning between services required
19 Entrances/doors	N/A	Should be blocked open if possible, kept sanitary per health orders/guidance and internal plan
20 Restrooms	Appropriate social distancing and disinfection after each use of touchable surfaces, fixtures, doors, etc., required	Appropriate social distancing and disinfection after each use of touchable surfaces, fixtures, doors, etc., required
21 Hand cleaners/disinfectant (supply should be kept on hand)	Make available at entry and other places as appropriate for attendees	Make available at entry and other places as appropriate for attendees and identified locations in church plan
22 Disinfection of podiums/microphones	Disinfection should occur prior to any individual use and at change of user	Disinfection should occur prior to any individual use and at change of user

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23 Air handling equipment	Adjust for maximum outside air, high-quality filters put in place	Adjust for maximum outside air, high-quality filters put in place
24 Use of ceiling fans or other fans	Ceiling fans should not be used. Portable fans may be used at non-entry doors with fan blowing air outdoors only. Other doors and/or windows should be open to allow outside air to come in the building.	Ceiling fans should not be used. Portable fans may be used at non-entry doors with fan blowing air outdoors only. Other doors and/or windows should be open to allow outside air to come in the building.
25 Water fountains	Should be disconnected/turned off with taping and/or signage to indicate that they are not to be used	Should be disconnected/turned off with taping and/or signage to indicate that they are not to be used
26 Cleaning between services	N/A	Thorough cleaning between services
27 In-person board, business session and all other meetings	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms
28 Prayer meeting/vespers	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms
29 In-person small groups	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms
30 In-person Pathfinders	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms
31 In-person VBS	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms	Not permitted — use digital tools/platforms

**Vulnerable populations relating to COVID-19 are identified by the CDC as follows: People sixty-five (65) years and older; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including: people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher), people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, people with liver disease.*