

GREATER EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES - as of 9/26/2020

GEMBCLA leadership have created guidelines to mitigate risks and protect the health of staff, volunteers, members, and visitors as it relates to COVID-19. The following guidelines are drawn from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Los Angeles Mayor and CA Governor's guidelines.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH:

- If you have any of the following symptoms: coughing, sneezing, fever, chills, aches, loss of smell and loss of taste.
- If you are waiting for the result of a COVID-19 test.
- If you are you scheduled for a COVID-19 test because of suspected infection.
- If you test positive, but do not have any symptoms, please do not come to church for 14 days.
- If you contract COVID-19, please do not come to church until cleared by physician.
- If you contract COVID-19 within 14 days of your last visit to church, please let the church office know.

PARKING:

- Please maintain social distancing (6 feet) in parking lots. Allow space for ingress/egress for those in other vehicles.
- Please stagger parking by using every other lane.
- Cars may park one behind the other.

ENTERING THE BUILDING:

- Check-in and thermo checking will be limited to two entrances. Congregants will enter through the rear door closest to 53rd Street or south ramp
 - Currently, only the rear door closest to 53rd Street will be used until further notice.
- Masks, shields, and gloves will be worn by those performing thermo checking and contact tracing.

- Exterior entry doors will remain open for a limited time before service to reduce unnecessary touching of the door.
- Congregants are requested to wear a mask, while in the building. Disposable masks will be provided to those who show up without one.
- Interior doors to the sanctuary will be left open until further notice.
- All persons entering the church must provide their contact information for tracing purposes.
- Except families residing in the same household, we ask that congregants enter the sanctuary in a single file, six feet apart.
- Marking/cones will indicate where to stand before entering.
- We request that congregants refrain from hugging, kissing, handshaking, or elbowing.
- No holding hands during prayer unless family members of the same household.

SEATING:

- Until further notice, our current capacity is limited to 10 persons per service. This limitation includes those directly involved with facilitating our virtual broadcasts.
- Seating will start at the front of the church and flow to the rear on the main floor.
- Congregants may choose to sit in the balcony or on the main floor but cannot choose bench/row preference (exception for Deacons and Deaconess).
- Seating must be every six feet in all directions (exception a family that resides in the same household, but family groups must maintain 6 feet from others).
- At the end of service, the congregation will be dismissed pew by pew and directed to their exit by an usher to prevent congregating.

MICROPHONES, INSTRUMENTS AND SINGING:

- Until further notice, we will continue to utilize videos for the music portion of our streamed services.
- Assigned Ministers and speakers are asked to only remove their mask to perform their assigned duty and maintain a distance of six feet from others.

- Assigned Ministers and speakers should use separate microphones. No immediate reuse of microphones by multiple individuals.

SANITIZING:

- Microphone covers must be replaced after each use and microphones stands wiped down after each use. Instruments should be sanitized after each service.
- Podiums, pulpit and music stands must be sanitized after each use.
- Door push plates, handles, handrails, light switches, pews, bathrooms and frequently touched areas will be disinfected (during and after service).
- Do not place hand sanitizing wipes in the toilet. Please use waste baskets for disposal.
- We recommend that congregants refrain from wearing gloves but encourage frequent hand washing. Hand sanitizer is located strategically throughout the church (entrances, bathrooms, pulpit, and hallways).

OFFERING:

- Offering must be handled with gloves.

COMMUNION:

- Communion has been suspended until further notice.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Transportation has been suspended until further notice.