



Guidelines for In-Person Gathering During Livestream

Beginning February 14, Hilmar Covenant Church will open the Family Life Center for people to gather to worship during our livestream. It is important to remember that the production of an excellent livestream experience is priority during the COVID pandemic. It is also important to provide a safe environment for those who wish to gather for live worship.

Though these guidelines may seem unreasonable to many in our congregation, the approach we are taking affords the highest level of caution we can reasonably exercise. We do understand we will not be able to provide a perfectly sterile environment.

Until restrictions are completely lifted, or other new modifications are enacted, we will require the following COVID-19 guidelines for those members of our congregation who choose to join us for Sunday Morning Worship inside the Family Life Center.

1. RSVPs are requested in advance of Sunday so that we can ensure a total attendance not to exceed 100 people. Please RSVP online or by calling the office. We will check-in people upon entering.
2. Face Coverings will be required within the building at all times. This allows us to meet in person. Exceptions for vocalists/speakers while on stage, and children under the age of 2. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a face covering, please participate via livestream.
3. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available inside the lobby for all who enter.
4. A Forehead Temperature Scan (no touch of skin) will be taken of all people coming into the building to show their temperature is 99.5 degrees or less.
5. People who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, feeling sick, feverish or coughing are asked to please participate in the livestream from home.
6. People who have a higher risk of adverse effects from COVID, due to age and/or medical conditions, please participate in the livestream from home.
7. Practice Social Distancing- trying to keep a minimum distance of 6' or more between non-family members. This means that inside the building we will:
 - Restrict restroom use to no more than 3 people at one time.
 - Keep the chairs where they are arranged. Only Frontline Ministry Team members may rearrange chairs.
 - Enter the building through the lobby entrance off the breezeway. Exit through the same doors or through the north gymnasium doors.
 - No gathering together inside the building, except as family/household groups.
7. No consumption of food or beverages allowed in the gym. There will be no coffee or beverage service. Drinking fountains are closed. You may bring your own water.
8. Since school is in session we will offer KidSpace ministries with the same considerations. Children will immediately go to their appropriate ministry spaces instead of being dismissed from the worship gathering. Please indicate children in attendance through your RSVP.
9. The Family Life Center doors will open at 9:30 am for the 10 am service. Frontline Ministry Team members will arrive by 9:15 am.
10. The State of California asks that we do not engage in congregational singing/chanting. A possible alternative activity is for you to pray along with the musical worship. With your face covering, this is difficult to enforce.