

My dear brother and sister,

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3: 20-21)

As you may be aware, from June 14, 2020, we may return to worship in our building, in Secret Harbor Community Centre. However, this is not a return to “normal”. The return to our place of worship is still accompanied by great limitations.

Your safety and health are of utmost importance to us, so we ask you to accept as children of God now that the government appointed by God knows best for us and therefore out of reverence and respect for God, we will obey the rules and guidelines given.

So, we will return based on the following conditions:

- 1 A limit on the number of people:** In terms of the Covid-19 guidelines, we can accommodate no more than 100 people in the large hall, the Youth Church can accommodate 28 and the two children's churches halls 30 each. We will manage the numbers and it may happen that if there are more than 100 people, we will then accommodate the rest in the children's rooms, with a “live feed” from the main hall. Unfortunately, if we reach the maximum capacity, we will not be able to allow more people.
- 2 Physical distance:** According to the guidelines, we still need to maintain the 1.5m distance between one another. This means that physical contact between one another is not recommended. Unfortunately, handshakes and hugs will not be possible.

The chairs will be packed 1.5m apart. Families are welcome to move chairs if they want to sit together.

There will be markers (“X”) at the entrances and at the refreshment stations to indicate where people should stand.

- 3 Hygiene:** There will be “hand sanitizer” available at the entrance. It is a requirement that everyone who enters the building must first clean their hands before entering the building. There will also be hand soap and paper towels available in the bathrooms.

We will ensure that all chairs, hard surfaces and toilet doors are cleaned ahead of time. We need hands to help, please contact Danie on 0450 073 371, if you would like to come and help.

- 4 Entrance & Exit:** We will only use the main entrance to enter because each person's present must be recorded. There may be congestion at the entrance, so keep a safe distance between the person in front of and behind you. We will use the two front doors of the main hall as an exit for parents without children. The Youth Church is asked to use their exterior door as an exit. Parents with children can use the main entrance.
- 5 Refreshments:** We would love to spend time with each other afterwards. We will ensure that the coffee / tea is handled only by one or two people. Those in charge of the ministry completed the *AHA Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 Hygiene Course* according to government guidelines.

Hot water and milk will be poured by them. We not allowed to stand whilst we are drinking coffee / tea. Therefore we will place markers ("X") on the floor where people may sit in groups. I know sometimes people bring refreshments from home, but until we can return to normal, we unfortunately will not be able to allow or receive them now.

- 6 **Symptoms:** As mentioned, your safety is our top priority, so we will abide by the government guidelines and health experts. If you have any flu symptoms, or have a fever or cough and sneeze, or if you have been overseas for the last 14 days, or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please stay home and follow the services online. If you feel you are in one of the vulnerable categories, maybe someone who is chronically ill, or whose immune system is low, you are welcome to join us online.
- 7 **Record Keeping:** It is a requirement that we keep a record of everyone attending the services. So please make sure you log in at the entrance. You will receive a "Bar Code" soon. Print it out and bring it along. We will also have a list of "bar codes" available at the entrance. On arrival your bar code will be "scanned." If your information is not on our system, please log in at the info table, and we will ensure that you have a bar code next week.
- 8 **General:** As you know, it is cold in the building. Unfortunately, we are unable to distribute our blankets due to a health risk. Please bring your own warm blanket, dress warmly, we do not want you to get a cold and get sick.

Can all parents with children under 18 who attend the children's ministries on a Sunday (Sunday school and Youth Church) and / or Friday evenings, please complete and return the attached form? We want to make sure that we have all the necessary information and permission to proceed safely with the activities and it will also make the check-ins of the children easier.

If you have any ideas to further help us keep our people safe, feel free to contact any of the leaders or pastors.

For any further information feel free to contact us, or go to our website at www.deogloriarockingham.com.

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