

COVID-19 Safety Plan – Updated January, 2021

Metropolitan Baptist Church has registered a COVID-19 Safety Plan for Worship services through nsw.gov.au

The following document represents the plan adopted by our Church as of 4 January, 2021.

REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO STAFF AND CONGREGANTS

- All staff and worshippers displaying any symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are requested to abstain from services
- Prompt testing is encouraged in the event of staff or worshippers displaying any symptoms consistent with Covid-19
- Staff entitlements in relation to Covid-19 testing and illness are in place
- Our congregation and staff are encouraged to maintain social distancing, our building capacity has been measured in compliance with Government restrictions and is on display in our entry and on our website:
 - ✓ **150 worshippers** (in accord with the 1 person per 4 square metre rule)
 - ✓ **100 worshippers as capped 3 January, 2021** (in accord with NSW Government restrictions, 3 January, 2021)
- Our services are livestreamed to facilitate worship for our high-risk members
- Wearing of masks in places of worship has been mandated as of 3 January, 2021. Masks are available if needed for congregants

REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Our Church capacity in accordance with government regulations (as at 3 January, 2021) is:
 - ✓ **150 worshippers**
(Numbers in accordance with the 4 square metre rule)
 - ✓ Current restrictions cap our attendance at **100 worshippers**
- Our full music program has been curtailed at this time. Special music will be in accord with government regulations
- Weddings and funerals will be conducted in accordance with government regulations
- Our church seating has been arranged to facilitate the government regulated 1.5m social distance
- Congregants are advised to maintain appropriate social distancing, including at the conclusion of services
- The use of phone and video/zoom technology for ministry are implemented where practical
- Where necessitated, courtesy drivers are requested to implement minimal contact with passengers
- Staff are advised to maintain social distancing within children's ministries where possible. Good hygiene is emphasized for all staff and children.

REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO HYGEINE AND CLEANING

- The church has employed signage advising the need for good hand hygiene
- The church maintains a good supply of hand soap, sanitizer, masks and paper towel to assist with good hand hygiene
- Church ordinances have been modified to reflect Covid-safe practices (minimal handling procedures and disposable utensils) and on-line giving has been implemented

- Cleaning procedures have been modified to reflect Covid-safe practices; hard frequently used surfaces will be regularly cleaned with appropriate strength cleaners; gloves and good hand hygiene are employed by all staff involved in cleaning.

REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO RECORD KEEPING

- Appropriate records of all worshippers, including all visitors, will be kept in accordance with Government guidelines. Records are stored confidentially and securely.
- Staff have been made aware of the benefits of the CovidSafe app.