



First Evangelical Church of San Gabriel Valley

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A Letter from Pastor Joshua to Our Church Family ***Reopening – Arrangements in Phase Seven (January-March 2023)***

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Dear FECSGV and HOA Family,

Praise the Lord, our church is open for **IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES**, and the services are also live streamed. We warmly welcome you to join us!

In **Phase Seven**, from **January to March 2023**, the following arrangements will be implemented for three months until the end of March. Please note that Congregational Pastors' approval is required if Small Groups want to meet at church on Friday night due to the difficulty of hiring security guards at this stage.

1. **HYBRID SERVICES:** In view that not all congregants may be able to attend in-person Sunday services at this stage, all our in-person Sunday Services will continue to be live streamed.
2. **STAGGERING SERVICES:** To direct the flow of the crowd, we will have staggering services.
 - 9:30am-11:00am: Connections/Cantonese Congregation/Youth/Children
 - 11:30am-1:00pm: Mandarin Congregation/Youth/Children
 - HOA Campus: Adult and Youth Sunday Services, Youth and Children Programs to be arranged by the HOA Team based on VCC's requirement.
3. **RISK REDUCTION MEASURES:** Temperature checks and verbal screening questionnaires are NOT required at the campus entrance. **Face masks are required indoor**, and strongly suggested while outdoor, inside the church campus. Lunch/Dinner will not be provided at FECSGV campus and HOA campus respectively.
4. **ALL GATES WILL BE OPENED FOR ENTRANCE OR EXIT ON SUNDAY DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AT FECSGV.** Nevertheless, a large **Reopening Screening Poster** and a **Face Mask Required Poster** will be posted at each entrance gate (see attachments).

In **Phase Seven, January to March 2023**, **Connections** and **Youth Ministry** will be fully reopened for their ministries at church campus, including Sunday Services, Sunday School classes, prayer meetings and small groups activities. For **Mandarin Congregation** and **Cantonese Congregation**, in view once more that not all brothers and sisters can attend in-person gatherings at church, the church will implement the following measures: (1) **Sunday School and Equipping Classes:** in-person or online; (2) **Small Group/Fellowship:** in-person or online. Small Groups want to meet at church on Friday night need to get prior approval from Congregational Pastors due to

the difficulty of hiring security guards at this stage; (3) **Prayer Meetings**: in person or online, (4) **Church Staff**: staff will work out office hours and working on site with Senior Pastor, (5) **Online giving/Giving through mail/Put the offering in the offering box**: please follow instructions on the church's website or during in-person services, (6) **Special Events in Church campus**: to be approved by Congregational Pastors. At the end of March, we will make another evaluation to determine the next move.

The vision of our church is to obey Jesus Christ's Great Commission (make disciples of all nations, Matthew 28:18-20) and Greatest Commandment (love God and love people, Matthew 22:37-40). Our motivation for every decision is always LOVE and FAITH, not fear. So be patient! And keep focused on God's purposes in our life!

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."
~2 Timothy 1:7~

Love in Christ,
Joshua Cheng

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