

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## MCC COVID-19 Update 7

Dear Church Family,

Following on from our previous updates, we can confirm that South Australia, as of the 28<sup>th</sup> June, is now in **Step 3 of COVID-19 Recovery Plan**. MCC's latest COVID-19 Safe Plan has been updated to include these changes. We apologise for the amount of information, but there is lots to share, we advise the following:

Our priority remains to care for the most vulnerable and isolated in our church family, we are including in our considerations the COVID-19 risks and the fact that it is also peak time for colds and flu. If anyone answers yes to any of the questions on the checklist on Attachment 1 – then, please do stay at home and take care of you. If you need assistance, or you are unsure, please contact the church office.

**The good news is we can begin to meet at the church again!** The not so good news is we still need to work within the strict parameters. However, it is all achievable with the help of each other. We encourage you to consider today, how you might contribute? Included with this update is a list of tasks that we need to undertake, and as it is with most families, we all need to do our bit for it to work well. We can't do it on our own, we need an 'all-in' approach and we are so thankful for those who have assisted in the past. We again look to each one of us to lend a hand how and where we can, so we can together, with God's help, achieve our mission of Discovering Jesus, Valuing People and Building Community.

**How and when it will happen** – here are the key dates, please note all our plans are subject to the advice and instruction we receive from SA Government. We will continue to keep you up to date with events as we move forward. Please refrain from hand shaking and hugging as this puts MCC in breach of the COVID plan we have agreed to. Unless otherwise notified, these services at MCC will be not include crèche or kids' program and the lounge will not be open for use. If you come with children please bring your own toys, books etc. for your children to use as there will not be any for public use at the back of the auditorium.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020** we will return to on-site Church Service resuming for **10am only**. This will be after the School Holidays; will be by RSVP only and will be a public service airing our MCC on-line service. Kids@Marion will continue online. Numbers are limited due to physical distancing. Online services will still be available from your home and we encourage you to meet in your homes with your life group or people from church. If this is not possible please feel free to come along to the service.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020** an additional time will be organised to allow further people to participate, but in a smaller group. This will be a repeat showing of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July service and will be held at **1:30pm** and again requires RSVP for attendance. The aim is to assist to accommodate those who may wish/need to limit the number of people with whom they would come into contact, and who may have not been able to connect in either online or via DVD etc.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020** will again show the on-line service at 10am, RSVP attendance. Kids@Marion are working towards resuming 'in person' programs for this day. More information will be sent to families closer to the date.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020** will be a repeat showing of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July's service at 1:30pm, again by RSVP.

God willing, this lead up time will give us space to organise for the exciting 'live church services' to resume at 10am and 6pm, of course subject to the state of events in South Australia.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 live Church at 10am and 6pm - including Kids@Marion**

For any of this to happen we do need to reiterate the important hygiene aspects of meeting together again. We know most of you will be all over this, but please do check it through so we are all doing the same and meeting the conditions that need to be strictly adhered to, for us to meet publicly.

- RSVP – please help us keep check of numbers for each service by letting us know of your intention to attend public worship. You can do this by phoning the Church Office, using the RSVP button on the APP or send an email to [admin@marioncc.org.au](mailto:admin@marioncc.org.au)
- PERSONAL HYGIENE – thank you for ensuring your hands are clean and please use provided sanitiser as needed on entrance and exit. Remember to avoid touching your face and take care when sneezing and or coughing (as per signs displayed onsite)
- NO physical contact – no handshakes, no hugs etc (to do so puts us in breach of our COVID Plan)
- KEEPING 1.5m distance always, wherever possible
- SEPARATE ENTRANCE AND EXIT – please follow and adhere to the appropriate signage
- ATTENDANCE RECORDS – your attendance must be registered\* with the COVID Officer upon entry
- COMMUNION – you will be able to partake of communion during the service if you wish to. You will be supplied with an individual serving unit (bread and juice) upon entry and we would ask that you please take your refuse with you and dispose of in the bins provided on exit.
- OFFERINGS - We continue to encourage online giving, however EFTPOS giving will be available or you can use your envelopes for cash. We would ask that you do this, either on entrance or exit.

**Online Church** will continue to be aired each week until further notice. If you or your loved ones are at risk or you would prefer to stay home and continue to connect online, you are very welcome and encouraged to do so. Please feel free to avail of this provision for as long as it works for you. We know and appreciate that we have a number of people who are isolated, making attendance difficult and have greatly valued being able to re-connect in this way. We continue to explore avenues to allow us to keep offering an online option into the future.

Volunteer Checks – as we need everyone’s help, we need to make sure that our volunteer checks are up to date. If you haven’t yet updated your **Working with Children** Check and/or **Vulnerable Person’s** check please contact the church office to book a 10min time with Tracy or complete online and send through to the church office. The sooner we get everyone registered the easier and better when we gather together. It’s a very simple and straight forward process – follow the link here to get started....

<https://screening.sa.gov.au/applications/application-information-for-individuals>

#### REQUIRED TASKS BEFORE AND AFTER EACH PUBLIC SERVICE

All surfaces need to be cleaned, including:

Doors and door frames	Handles
Floors	Bathroom facilities
Tables and chairs	Equipment including computers, eftpos etc
Bollards	Bench Tops
Church bus	

In the immediate – we will refrain from having food or drinks after services (excluding communion) – As we begin to return to ‘live services’ we will review if we are in a position to serve refreshments. This will add another space for cleaning and good food safe handling will be integral for service of food and drinks.

COVID-19 Officers –responsible for recording each person’s attendance – \*An attendance register is a requirement by SA Government and needs to include the name, phone number or email address and date and time of people attending. This is stored on site and must be provided for inspection by an authorised officer. This record is used for the purpose of contact tracing in relation to COVID-19. As we are not able to use our “Care Cards” MCC will also use it to register your attendance for our records.

It is our desire that everyone, who is able, can play their part to enable a quick and easy entry and exit into a safe environment. Cleaning teams are imperative to ensure we meet the requirements – if you are able to assist, please let the Church Office know asap. This will help us in reorganizing the rosters to adapt to our new way of doing things.

If you are physically able to provide 15-20 minutes before and or after a service, please let the Church Office know the following:

- how you are willing to serve
- how often you are willing to serve
- before and or after the services
- any unavailable dates

Areas of service include:

- Cleaning
- Transport
- Set Up
- Set Down
- Car Park Attendants
- Greeter
- Supplies
- Rubbish Removal
- Covid Officer

Thank you all very much for your support and encouragement during this COVID-19 experience. It is a blessing to be part of a loving church community. It is our prayer that we as individuals and as a church body continue to grow and flourish, particularly in this our year of Fruitfulness.

Blessings,

Leadership

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## Are you at risk?

- Are you experiencing any symptoms or feeling unwell? (e.g. cough; shortness of breath; breathing difficulties; fever)
- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the last 14 days?
- Have you been directed by an official to self-isolate?
- Have you, or anyone you have been in contact with, travelled to an affected region in the last 14 days?

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions, we would respectfully ask that you **do not enter**. If you are in particular need for further support, please ring Marion Church of Christ on 8277 7388 and leave a message, someone will be happy to respond as soon as possible.

If you answered **NO** to all of the above questions, then please do join us.

For the sake of you and others, please avail of the hand sanitiser, keep physical distance and avoid touching your face.

**THANK YOU**