

CGBC Reopening Plan		
Level	Criteria	Restrictions/Actions
LEVEL 4 RED Shut Down	Recommended closures by public health officials Confirmed case at CGBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel all worship services, ministries, and any other physical gatherings Livestream worship services and move all ministries and meetings online
LEVEL 3 ORANGE High Caution	Public health officials allow smaller gatherings with social distancing <i>Effective 6/14/2020</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups of 10 or fewer people who are not at-risk may meet outdoors or in homes at their own discretion while following all public health guidelines. As the situation improves, the maximum allowed group size may be increased Continue livestreaming services and offering online access to all Bible studies and ministries
LEVEL 2 YELLOW Caution	Public health officials allow larger gatherings with certain restrictions and social distancing <i>Tentatively effective 7/12/2020</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume limited in-person worship services while following all public health guidelines and internal policies, including a maximum attendance and alternate service schedule Mid-week ministries at church (adult and youth fellowships) will remain cancelled initially. These may resume after an initial waiting period if it is safe and practical to do so Sunday ministries such as adult Sunday school, Children's ministry, and nursery will remain cancelled initially. These may resume after an initial waiting period if it is safe and practical to do so Continue livestreaming services and offering online access to all Bible studies and ministries
LEVEL 1 GREEN Normal	Stage 4 of CA Resilience Roadmap or Development of Vaccine or Effective Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume in-person worship services with the normal service schedule Resume all Sunday ministries at church, including Sunday school, children's ministry, nursery, & lunch Resume all mid-week ministries at church & homes Continue livestreaming services and offering online access to all Bible studies and ministries

Additional Considerations

If anyone tests positive for COVID19 and...

- attended a worship service at church, CGBC will enter Red Level 4 for a minimum of 14 days*
- attended a Bible study or ministry, that Bible study or ministry will be shut down for a minimum of 14 days, and all individuals in that Bible study or ministry shall self-quarantine for 14 days*

If anyone has...

- traveled internationally or hosts someone who has, he or she shall self-quarantine for 14 days*
- been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID19, he or she shall self-quarantine for 14 days*

More Information Regarding Each Level

Level 4 / Red – Shut Down

1. While livestreaming, only a minimal team will be allowed on-site, and all equipment will be properly cleaned between services.

Level 3 / Orange – High Caution (Effective 6/14/2020)

1. Those who are sick, displaying symptoms of sickness, or are considered at-risk for COVID19 are to refrain from attending in-person small groups and meetings.
2. While ministries and small groups meetings with 10 or fewer people are allowed to meet at their own discretion, the church is not encouraging or recommending such groups to meet.
3. At the discretion of the Executive Board, the maximum allowed group size may be increased as the situation improves.

Level 2 / Yellow – Caution (Tentatively Effective 7/12/2020)

1. We will use an alternate service schedule in order to minimize the amount of people on the church property at any given time and to maximize the amount of time between services for traffic flow and cleaning.

Cantonese Service	8:30-9:45am
Mandarin Service	11:00-12:15pm
English Service	2:00-3:15pm

2. Adjustments for Worship Services
 - (a) Households may sit together, but each household must be seated 6 feet apart. Every other pew will be closed, and seating areas will be designated to maximize social distancing.
 - (b) The Education Building will be used as overflow seating to maintain social distancing.
 - (c) After service, people will be dismissed by rows and must immediately exit to minimize congestion.
 - (d) Between services, all doors will be kept open to avoid the use of door handles.
 - (e) There is to be no physical contact or passing of items (bulletins, offering, or communion)
 - (f) Service times will be shortened initially to accommodate for children sitting in service and reduce the risk of infection.
 - (g) Activity packets will be available for families that attend with children (coloring sheets, crayons, etc.).
3. Requirements for Attendees
 - (a) Those who are sick, displaying symptoms of sickness, or are considered at-risk for COVID19 are to refrain from attending in-person worship services.
 - (b) Attendees will be asked to RSVP so that the church can plan accordingly. Those who do not RSVP may still attend, but they could be turned away if we exceed the maximum safe capacity.
 - (c) Before entering, attendees will have their temperatures checked and will either need to wash their hands at the outdoor hand washing station (if applicable) or use hand sanitizer (which will be available at the door).

- (d) All attendees must wear masks and keep them on throughout the service, including while singing. If needed, masks will be available at the door.
 - (e) Attendance, seating location, and contact information will be recorded for each household in each service in the event that an attendee tests positive for COVID19 and we need to contact all attendees.
 - (f) We recommend using the bathroom before arriving in order to avoid overcrowding in the bathrooms at church.
4. Cleaning Between Services:
- (a) All surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected, especially the top rail of the pews, bathrooms, door handles, and the sound booth.
 - (b) Fans will be set up to circulate fresh air into the sanctuary between services.
5. Resuming Mid-Week and Sunday Ministries at Church
- (a) After an initial waiting period, we will evaluate resuming mid-week ministries at church such as adult and youth fellowships and Sunday ministries such as Sunday school, Children's ministry, and nursery. However, it is possible these may not resume until Level 1 (Green) of the Reopening Plan.
6. Communion
- (a) We will have an initial waiting period before observing communion to make sure our services are able to run safely and smoothly.
 - (b) Pre-sealed communion cups will be placed on tables in the foyer and/or courtyard where individuals may pick them up as they enter the sanctuary.
 - (c) After service, used cups may be thrown away in garbage cans at each exit.
7. Baptism
- (a) Only one individual can be baptized each time the baptismal tank is filled.
 - (b) Between usage, the baptismal tank will be cleaned and disinfected.
8. Offering
- (a) No plates or bags will be passed, and online offering will still be available and encouraged.
 - (b) Boxes to collect offering will be placed in the foyer and/or sanctuary.

Level 1 / Green – Normal

- 1. All services and ministries return to their normal routines.
- 2. The church may consider maintaining certain protective measures after COVID19.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If worship services are reopened but I am not comfortable attending, what should I do?

We understand that while some will choose to gather again as soon as possible, others may be more concerned and want to or need to take extra precautions. We want to encourage everyone to act according to their conscience and conviction in this area and to humbly extend grace and tolerance to others who might have a different perspective. Therefore, we plan to continue livestreaming the services even after restrictions are lifted and we begin gathering again.

2. If children's ministry and nursery are cancelled, what am I supposed to do for church?

We understand families with young children will be impacted by the cancellation of children's ministries and nursery. Unfortunately, social distancing is simply not feasible in children's ministry with the classrooms we have. We sincerely apologize for the challenge this causes, but we are also excited for the opportunity for families to worship together and for parents to engage in the spiritual growth of their children. We encourage you to consider these two articles:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/let-the-children-worship-in-church/>

<https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-we-embrace-children-in-our-worship-service/>

For those with young children, you can consider preparing some activities for your children, like coloring sheets, word searches, etc. For older children, you can help them learn to listen to the sermon and take simple notes.

3. I usually attend the Cantonese or Mandarin services, but my children prefer to worship in English. What are we supposed to do on Sundays?

Being an immigrant, trilingual church presents some of the biggest challenges when adjusting for COVID19, and unfortunately, there is no simple or easy solution. Parents will need to decide what is best for their particular family. Because the services will be spread out at different times, it is possible to attend both services in-person or to watch the livestream of one service and attend the other service in-person.

4. When will non-CGBC ministries be allowed to use the church property?

This will be at the discretion of the Executive Board. Because it is a main worship service, we will allow the Indonesian church that rents our property on Sunday afternoons to use it once we move to Level 2. Other ministries will likely need to wait until Level 1 or beyond.