



# SECC COVID-19 UPDATED WORSHIP SERVICE PROTOCOLS

## Guidance on Masks

- Masks are required for all unvaccinated individuals in indoor settings.
  - *“Only **unvaccinated** persons are required to mask in ALL indoor public settings. **Fully vaccinated** individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.” [California Department of Public Health: [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)]*
- Masks are not required but strongly recommended for vaccinated individuals in indoor settings.
- Masking is **required** in children’s sabbath school wings/classrooms.

### **The following are exempt from wearing masks at all times:**

- Persons younger than 2 years old.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communication with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

## Guidance for Services

The State requires when conducting in-person worship services or activities indoors, churches to choose one of the following options:

- Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest that they comply prior to entry.
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks.

## Other Considerations:

- Congregational singing is permitted. Good ventilation, fresh air, and high occupancy loads should be considered.
- Potlucks: Communal bowls and sharing of utensils are NOT recommended. Masked and gloved servers or prepackaged food are recommended.
- Continue to use hand sanitizer and practice good hygiene.